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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1951

SELECTMEN

Henry S. Bokina, Chairman
John Cernak George W. Rogalewski

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

John W. Mullins, Jr., Chairman
Mitchell W. Kempisty Daniel Omasta, Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Robert C. Byrne, M.D., Chairman
Joseph F. Baceski Edward S. Kowalski

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Henry F. Kulesza, Chairman
Chester Prucnal Rupert Harubin

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chairman
Henry W. Wolfram Edward S. Kowalski

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah V. Kiley, Chairman
Walter Marcinowski Jean Kempisty

TREE WARDEN

Edward Zalinski

ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Gordon A. Woodward

HATFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman
Frank T. Woodward George W. Rogalewski
Michael M. Majeskey Stanley J. Filipek

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Howard B. Abbott, Chairman
Joseph Pelc Peter S. Rogaleski Edward Kostek

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman
Luther A. Belden Raymond Balise

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude B. Rogaleski

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Francis Godin

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

Marshall Pease

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Edward Zalinski

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Leonard Vollinger

COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

Lucille Godek

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

John Wentzel

Henry Donnis

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Joseph S. Wilkes

DOG OFFICER

Joseph S. Wilkes

POLICE OFFICERS

Marshall Pease

Francis Godin

Henry Kosakowski

Mitchell Kempisty

Anthony Malinowski

Peter Malinowski

George Omasta

Waclaw Yanucik

Edward Cialek

FIRE CHIEF

Michael J. Yarrows

FIREMEN

Arthur Brassord

Martin Brassord

Raymond E. Balise

William Betsold

William Boyle

Marcus Boyle

Theodore Blauvelt

Joseph Krawczyk

Henry Kosakowski

Thomas Mullany

Francis McGrath

Alfred Proulx, Jr.

Frank Romanowski

Thomas Sheehan

Arthur Smith

Herbert Smith

Joseph Wendlowski

Frank Zawacki

North Hatfield

Robert Adams

Charles Eberlein, Jr.

William Fleebat

John Hart

Martin Holich

George Omasta

Michael Omasta

David Omasta

Ralph Pickett

Stephen Vachula

Howard Wolfram

Sidney Wolfram

**TOWN OF HATFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

INCORPORATED 1670

AREA 8900 acres

ELEVATION 132 ft. at Main St.

POPULATION 1950 Census—2178

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
SECOND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.

**STATE SENATOR
FRANKLIN AND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Ralph C. Mahar

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Foster Furcolo

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
Leverett J. Saltonstall

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hatfield in said County, Greeting:

In the name af the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday, the 18th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all another articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; Moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years and one member of the Hatfield Housing Authority for five years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the amounts received from the Dog Fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors as submitted by the selectmen for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year, and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, the State and County share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the State and County share to be taken from Surplus Revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the State's share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the State, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the State's share to be taken from Surplus Revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00, the town's share, for new construction, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$7,500.00, the town's share, for the construction of a new bridge on Mountain Road in North Hatfield, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$958.30 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the County Commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$450.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of conducting a Well Child Clinic, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,365.00 for the support of a Visiting Nurse, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to install street lights in locations as follows: School Street, east of St. Joseph's Church; West Street, at residence of Anthony Romance; Main Street at Holy Trinity Rectory; Main Street, at Public Library and on Plain Road, at Paniczko residence, or take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote for the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, the act relative to the organization of union health departments, and to study existing public health services and facilities in the town and to determine the advantages to be derived from Hatfield joining with neighboring towns for a town union health department. This committee to

report its findings and recommendaions at a future town meeting.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: assessors' expense, \$12.00; schools, \$22.80; or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of reconstructing the sidewalk on Elm Street from the American Legion Home in a westerly direction approximately 1300 feet or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 31 at the Annual Town Meeting held on February 19, 1951-"Voted under the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 41, General Laws, to allow the Board of Water Commissioners to employ members thereof to render services to the Water Department and to fix the compensation for such services at the rate of \$1.00 per hr. as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon."

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 or any other amount for the purpose of laying a ten inch water main from the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Street along Plain Road to Depot Road in North Hatfield and determine whether the money shall be provided by the issuance of bonds or notes under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of estab-

lishing a public kindergarten as part of the public school system, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance and improvement of the Center School athletic field, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

HENRY S. BOKINA

JOHN CERNAK

GEORGE W. ROGALEWSKI

Selectmen of Hatfield

Report of Finance Committee

	1951 Approp.	Amount Spent	1951 Request	Recom- mended
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1952	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1952 3 @ \$300.00	750.00	750.00	1,350.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	132.39	150.00	150.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	150.00	150.00	250.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary, Jan. 1, 1952	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,450.00	1,300.00
6. Accountant's Expense	100.00	184.26	100.00	100.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1952	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,550.00	1,450.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	275.00	319.41	475.00	475.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1952	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	400.00	337.72	400.00	400.00
11. Assessors' Salary, Jan. 1, 1952 3 @ \$550.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,650.00
12. Assessors' Expense	300.00	314.12	400.00	400.00
13. Attorney's Fees	400.00	180.00	400.00	400.00
14. Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1952	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
15. Town Clerk's Expense	250.00	265.97	300.00	300.00

16.	Election & Registration	350.00	285.40	980.00	980.00
17.	Elector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1952	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
18.	Town Hall	5,500.00	5,480.82	5,800.00	5,800.00
19.	Police	1,200.00	1,035.25	1,200.00	1,200.00
20.	Fire Dept.	2,500.00	2,529.23	2,500.00	2,500.00
21.	Tree Work	1,500.00	1,829.70	1,750.00	1,750.00
22.	Moth Work	700.00	571.25	700.00	700.00
23.	Sealer Wts. & Meas., Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
24.	Sealer Wts. & Meas., Expense	50.00	38.70	50.00	50.00
25.	Public Health	500.00	2,978.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
26.	School Physician	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
27.	Inspection of Animals & Slaugh- ter	480.00	480.00	550.00	550.00
27.	Ins. Children—Pre-School	100.00	86.50	100.00	100.00
29.	Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00	75.00
30.	Highway, General	5,500.00	5,892.85	6,000.00	6,000.00
31.	Highway, Chapter 81	8,500.00			
32.	Highway, Chapter 81 fr. Surplus Revenue	*13,750.00	21,248.03	8,500.00	8,500.00
				*13,750.00	*13,750.00
33.	Highway, Chapter 90 Mainten- ance	600.00	1,498.61	600.00	600.00
34.	Highway, Chapter 90, (fr Surplus Revenue	*1,200.00		*1,200.00	*1,200.00

35.	Machinery Operating	3,000.00	2,819.03	3,000.00	3,000.00
36.	Street Lights	3,600.00	3,521.13	4,000.00	4,000.00
37.	Public Welfare	5,000.00	4,128.14	5,000.00	5,000.00
38.	Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	2,448.54	3,500.00	3,500.00
39.	Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	9,082.23	11,000.00	11,000.00
40.	Veterans' Benefits	500.00	103.64	500.00	500.00
41.	School Committee Expense	100.00	45.90	100.00	100.00
42.	Schools	73,252.00	74,549.73	83,330.38	83,330.38
43.	Vocational School Tuition & Transportation	2,600.00	1,518.45	2,500.00	2,000.00
44.	Library	2,200.00	2,473.96	2,500.00	2,500.00
45.	Library Bldg. Repairs	200.00		200.00	200.00
46.	Memorial Day	350.00	357.10	350.00	350.00
47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
48.	Print & Deliver Town Reports	475.00	655.71	650.00	650.00
49.	Telephone	225.00	166.82	250.00	250.00
50.	Unclassified	50.00	49.55	50.00	50.00
51.	Binding Town Reports	50.00		100.00	100.00
52.	Insurance	2,500.00	2,945.60	2,700.00	2,700.00
53.	Reserve Fund				
	*2,400.00 fr. overlay surp.,				
	\$1,000.00 fr surp. rev.				
		*3,400.00	1,798.53	*3,400.00	*3,400.00

54. Water Commissioners' Salary fr
 Water Av. S., Jan. 1, 1952:
 Chairman, \$175.00; 2 members
 \$125.00
55. Water Rept. fr. Water Av. Surp.
56. Cemeteries
57. Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1952
 \$1.50 per hr.
58. Water Mains Loan fr. Water Av.
 , Surp. \$4,000.00 less \$32.38 Pr.
59. Interest—Water Mains Loan fr.
 Water Av. S.*

*425.00
 *4,150.00
 800.00

*425.00
 *4,150.00
 800.00

425.00
 4,901.85
 913.24

*425.00
 *4,525.00
 800.00

*3,967.62

*3,967.62

*647.50

*647.50

\$188,235.50
 *27,540.12

\$189,635.50
 *27,540.12

\$169,867.00
 *23,300.00

\$166,327.36

\$160,695.38

\$162,095.38

\$146,567.00

JOSEPH V. PORADA, Chairman,
 LUTHER A. BELDEN,
 RAYMOND E. BALISE,

Finance Committee.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The Selectmen of the Town of Hatfield wish to thank all the town officials and the citizens for their sincere co-operation during the year 1951.

The Board of Selectmen would like to present a brief summary of improvements and departmental changes.

In early summer we accepted the resignation of Paul Petcen, Sealer of Weights & Measures because of employment out of town and Edward Zalinski was appointed to replace him.

Marshall Pease was appointed Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering to succeed Mike Majeskey who resigned.

Thomas Mullins succeeded Bernard Ostrander as Veterans Agent.

All the street lights have been increased from 600 lumen to 1,000 lumen and also have been raised so as to give broader light in that particular vicinity.

Five bids were received for the purchase of a new pickup truck which was awarded to the lowest bidder, H. M. Kugler & Son for the price of \$1,450 all equipped.

A new International Road Grader, with broom was purchased from Graves Equipment Northampton for \$7,870.00 less \$995.00 allowance for Huber, balance of \$6,775.00 paid by town.

Insurance has been taken out to cover fire truck driver in case of accident while driving truck to a fire.

The town schedule increased from \$265,000 to \$345.000 and at the same time a slight reduction was made in the rates.

One special town meeting was held on November 27th. A total of \$5,066.25 was appropriated from surplus revenue at this meeting.

The Selectmen held six square dances during the year realizing a total of \$267.21. Of this amount \$50.00 was donated to the town float, \$28.00 to servicemen's gifts and \$5.00 to firemen's association. There was no balance from 1950. At present, there is \$184.21 in the square dance fund.

Riverside Bridge was finally completed at a cost of \$68,427.80. There is an additional \$20,000.00 to be spent on the approaches and widening of Maple St. which is to be done this year. This amount was appropriated at last year's annual town meeting, \$5,000 town share, \$5,000 county share and \$10,000 state share.

The Board of Selectmen and Highway Superintendent attended the State Public Works fall meeting held in Northampton asking for a sum of money to replace the old No. Hatfield R. R. bridge which is in very poor condition. \$30,000 is the estimated cost of a new bridge according to State Engineers from the Greenfield Office. The Board feels this bridge should be replaced and the necessary funds appropriated at this year's annual meeting, Town's share to be \$7,500, County share \$7,500 and the State share \$15,000.00.

A section of Pine Bridge Road was widened and resurfaced and Pine Bridge replanked by our Highway crew.

Bleachers were purchased for the use in the Town Hall and Athletic Field at a cost of \$906.86.

For the first time, women jurors have been placed on the jury list.

1951 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN THE TOWN OF HATFIELD

1	Maple Street	\$321.20
2	Elm Street	787.23
3	Little Neponset Road	191.00
4	Little Neponset Road Branch	347.05
5	Brook Hollow Road	346.00
6	Lower Plain Road	10.00
7	Great Neponset Road	214.12
8	South Street	131.58
9	Bridge Lane	46.00
10	Main Street	3,826.66
11	Cow Brook Road	496.55
12	North Street	105.00
13	School Street	2,090.11
14	Prospect Street	4,736.25
15	King Street	86.00
16	Baskin Road	232.45
17	Old Farms Path	156.40
18	Upper Farms Path	90.20
19	Bradstreet Depot Road	277.40
20	Mountain Road	322.52
21	Rock's Road	100.20
22	Linseed Road	1,005.84
23	Haydenville Road	18.00
24	Chestnut Street	488.96
25	Raymond Avenue	964.66
26	Bridge Street	341.00

27	Dwight Street	107.66
28	Pantry Road	337.49
29	No. Hatfield Road	1,236.30
30	Straits Road	620.43
31	Cronin Hill Road	299.76
32	Plain Road	153.16
33	Gore Avenue	112.00
34	Chestnut Mountain Road	352.20
35	Porter Avenue	00.00
36	Great Neponset Road East Branch	10.00
37	Great Pond Road	155.65
38	Oak Avenue	00.00
39	Reservoir Road	00.00
40	Pine Bridge Extension Road	6.00
41	Jenis Road	67.000
42	Plain Road Extension	22.00
43	Sunset Avenue	36.00
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		\$21,248.03

ALLOTMENTS

State	\$13,750.00
Town	7,500.00
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Total	\$21,250.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. BOKINA

JOHN CERNAK

GEORGE W ROGALEWSKI

Selectmen of Hatfield

List of Jurors

1. Raymond E. Balise	Farmer
2. Alice Belden	Housewife
3. Marcus Boyle	Farmer
4. Alberta Bryant	Housewife
5. Gilbert Burda	Farmer
6. Edward S. Dickinson	Poultryman
7. Henry Donnis	Lumberman
8. Ann Filipek	Hair Stylist
9. Frank Filipek	Laborer
10. John Fusek	Machinist
11. Frank J. Godek	Meat Cutter
12. Rupert Harubin	Gas Station Mgr.
13. Chester Jablonski	Die Maker
14. Zygmunt Jaworski	Restauranteur
15. Stella Kirejczyk	Tobacco Worker
16. Edward P. Korza	Carpenter
17. Herman Labbee	Gas Station Prop.
18. Stanley Malinowski	Truck Driver
19. Sylvester Pelis	Tobacco Worker
20. Antonia Porada	Housewife
21. Emma Rogalewski	Tobacco Worker
22. William Symanski	Lumberman
23. John Zack	Farmer
24. Edward Zalinski	Tree Warden

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1951

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	27	29	21
Female	31		8
Total	<hr/> 58	<hr/> 29	<hr/> 29

Preceding Five Years

1950	44	36	15
1949	49	33	24
1948	44	50	21
1947	53	44	29
1946	45	61	28

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1951	118	389
1950	166	379
1949	158	416
1948	142	387
1947	127	361
1946	175	403

Junk Licenses	4	\$32.00
Auto Dealers	5	125.00
Auctioneer	2	7.00
Cabin License	3	1.50
Slaughter License	1	1.00
Pin Ball	3	54.00
Lord's Day	12	12.00
Common Victualler	10	10.00
Milk License	2	1.00
Oleo License	2	1.00
Milk Dealer	5	2.50
Sunday Entertainment	252	63.00
Gasoline	4	4.00
Gasoline Registration	11	5.50
Beer Permit	14	35.00
Liquor Licenses	12	4,950.00

TOWN OF HATFIELD

Massachusetts

ARTICLES AND VOTES UNDER SAME AT SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 1951

....Article 1. To see if the town will vote to lay a fourteen inch water main from the reservoir to the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Streets and determine whether the money shall be provided by an appropriation from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund and the issuance of bonds or notes under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

VOTED. That the sum of \$115,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of laying a fourteen inch water main from the reservoir to the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Streets and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$78,000.00 be appropriated from the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund and that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$37,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid within ten years from date of the first bond or note. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Public Health Account, or act anything thereon.

VOTED. That the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue to the Public Health Account.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Purchase of Dual Wheels for the Firetruck Account the sum of \$490.00 and appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$335.00 for the purchase of 500 feet of fire hose for the fire department, or act anything thereon.

VOTED. That the sum of \$490.00 be transferred from the Purchase of Dual Wheels for the Firetruck Account and that the sum of \$335.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue for the purchase of 500 feet of fire hose for the fire department.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,300.00 to the School Account, or take any action in relation thereto.

VOTED. That the sum of \$1,300.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue to the School Account.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$16.25 for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, or act anything thereon.

VOTED. That the sum of \$16.25 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941. Unanimous vote.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$750.00 to the Insurance Account, or act anything thereon.

VOTED. That the sum of \$750.00 be appropriated from Surplus Revenue to the Insurance Account.

Attest: P. S. Rogaleski
Town Clerk

ELECTIONS

Voted at Town Election February 19, 1951	767
Registered Voters December 31, 1950	1261
Registered Voters December 31, 1951	1224

P. S. ROGALESKI,
Town Clerk

VALUATION, GROSS DEBT AND TAX RATE
of
Town in Massachusetts Comparable to Hatfield
In Valuation and Population

Town	1951 Valuation	1951 Gross Debt	1951 Tax Rate
Barre	\$3,212,469.00	\$140,000.00	\$59.00
Carver	3,534,390.00	265,000.00	40.00
Dighton	3,635,996.00	478,000.00	34.00
Groton	3,912,449.00	268,000.00	53.00
Hadley	3,485,770.00	90,000.00	42.00
HATFIELD	3,496,455.00	37,000.00	33.00
Hopedale	3,872,878.00	247,000.00	42.50
Hopkinton	3,921,050.00	368,000.00	50.00
Littleton	3,823,640.00	329,000.00	35.00
No Brookfield	3,225,071.00	78,000.00	50.00
Pembroke	3,950,650.00	294,000.00	52.00
Reheboth	3,743,342.00	13,000.00	44.00
Salisbury	3,940,295.00	207,500.00	68.00
Sandwich	3,867,610.00	none	37.00
Southborough	3,306,835.00	80,000.00	50.00

Tax Rate Lower than Hatfield:

39 Cities	0
312 Towns	14

351 Cities and Towns in Massachusetts

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In Account With The Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1951	\$81,867.55
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Receipts for 1951:

January	\$24,164.63
February	7,371.07
March	7,868.41
April	32,474.76
May	113,033.04
June	15,287.53
July	8,465.19
August	42,755.24
September	18,794.66
October	98,818.03
November	43,313.16
December	70,226.61
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	\$482,572.33
	\$564,439.88

Payments per Warrants:

January	7,312.21
February	12,750.88
March	18,807.82
April	20,765.61
May	32,422.27
June	75,688.43
July	31,573.36

August	50,603.16
September	46,639.98
October	69,944.49
November	23,026.47
December	65,415.33
	<hr/> \$454,950.01
Cash on Hand December 31, 1951	109,489.87
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	<u>\$564,439.88</u>

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

Fund	1951 Income	1951 Expense	1951 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$11.56	\$4.06	\$195.05
J. D. Brown	2.14	2.14	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	2.16	2.16	101.00
Charles H Waite	2.92	2.92	137.49
Charles M. Billings	3.19	3.19	150.00
James Porter	2.33	2.33	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	2.35	2.35	110.82
Charles S. Shattuck	2.35	2.35	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	2.33	2.33	109.45
Reuben Belden	2.14	2.14	100.00
Theo Porter	2.26	2.26	106.18
Charles L. Graves	2.26	2.26	106.22
Augusta Beals	4.42	4.42	207.29
B. M. Warner	4.42	4.42	207.42
Henry Batcheller	2.16	2.16	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	2.16	2.16	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	4.27	4.27	200.67
David Wells	2.14	2.14	100.00
Otis Wells	3.20	3.20	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	2.14	2.14	100.00

Harriet S. Marsh	4.36	4.36	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	2.14	2.14	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	2.14	2.14	100.00
Roswell Billings	3.20	3.20	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	3.20	3.20	150.00
E. S. Warner	1.01	1.01	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	2.51	2.51	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.38	1.38	55.24
E. C. Billings	12.46	12.46	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.05	2.05	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	5.10	5.10	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.05	2.05	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	8.60	8.60	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	5.61	5.61	279.57
Levi Graves	3.19	3.19	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.09	2.09	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.05	2.05	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.07	2.07	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.01	2.01	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	4.04	4.04	201.91
Samuel Field	3.02	3.02	150.53
Samuel Field	3.01	3.01	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.15	2.15	107.18
Daniel Allis	3.05	3.05	152.22
P. M. Wells	2.60	2.60	129.86
Benj. Waite	1.81	1.81	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.05	2.05	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	2.59	2.59	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	2.19	2.19	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.07	2.07	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.05	2.05	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	2.23	2.23	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	2.29	2.29	114.30
Luman M. Moore	4.02	4.02	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	6.45	6.45	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	8.06	8.06	401.30
Luther Wells	6.83	6.83	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.04	1.04	52.37
John H. Sanderson	2.11	2.11	105.44
Charles Smith	2.19	2.19	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.15	2.15	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	4.02	4.02	200.00

Henry R. Holden	4.02	4.02	200.00
Fannie Allis	4.02	4.02	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	3.01	3.01	150.00
N. T. Abels	4.02	4.02	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	3.01	3.01	150.00
Fred Schepp	1.50	1.50	75.00
Joseph Schepp	1.50	1.50	75.00
General Care Fund	13.94	13.94	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	3.01	3.01	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	3.01	3.01	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	3.01	3.01	150.00
Charles Wight	2.01	2.01	100.00
General Care Fund	.20	.20	10.00
Stephen Omasta	3.01	3.01	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	4.02	4.02	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	3.01	3.01	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.01	2.01	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.01	2.01	100.00
Herman Harris	2.01	2.01	100.00
Harold J. Morse	2.25	2.25	150.00
John W. Darr (new acct)	.50	.50	100.00
Adam Englehardt (new acct)	1.25	251.25
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	\$270.71	\$261.96	\$13,748.38

Hatfield Library Fund	15.63		747.94
Firemen's Relief Fund	1.38		45.08
Interest on War Bonds			
Rehabilitation	1,310.20	10,935.00	471.35
War Bonds			
Rehabilitation		96,000.00	

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$907,595.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,157,100.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,064,695.00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate	431,760.00
Value of Assessed Personal & Real Estate	3,496,455.00
 Tax Rate Per Thousand	 33.00
Number of Polls Assessed	788
Number of Horses Assessed	113
Number of Cows Assessed	164
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	126
Number of Sheep Assessed	300
Number of Fowl Assessed	4,200
Number of Dwellings Assessed	542
Number of Automobiles Assessed	1,225
Number of Acres of Land	8,930
Town Appropriation	\$298,468.41
State Audit	844.08
State Park Tax	380.97
County Tax	17,201.17
Overlay	5,408.79

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$23,495.40
Corporation Tax	7,688.14
Excise Tax	10,750.00
Licenses	4,000.00
Schools	4,000.00

General Government	100.00
Charities	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	5,000.00
Interest on Taxes	300.00
Available Funds	149,517.34
Health and Sanitation	400.00

**VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
UNDER CHAPTER 59 CIVIL LAWS**

Church Property	\$108,600.00
Town Property	378,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
Legion Home	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MULLINS, JR., Chairman

DANIEL OMASTA, JR.

MITCHELL KEMPISTY

Board of Assessors

Board of Public Welfare

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Welfare:

Agent's Salary	\$154.05	
Printing and Postage	30.02	
Telephone	3.83	
Travel	2.33	
All other	3.29	
		<hr/> \$193.52

Relief by Town:

Coal and Wood	\$32.00	
Board and Care	408.40	
State Institutions	1,134.57	
Cash Grants to Individuals	2,244.15	
		<hr/> \$3,819.12
Relief by Other Town	\$115.50	
Totl Public Welfare		\$4,128.14

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cash Grants-Town Approp.	\$2,412.05	
Cash Grants-Federal Funds	2,628.30	
Telephone	2.95	
Travel	1.64	
All other	1.54	
Agent's Salary-Town Approp.	30.36	
Agent's Salary-Federal Funds	83.19	
		<hr/> \$5,160.03

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cash Grants-Town Appropriation	\$8,608.31
Cash Grants-Federal Funds	8,921.38
Other cities and towns	244.75
Agent's Salary-Town Approp.	208.30
Agent's Salary-Federal Funds	424.10
Postage & Printing	28.46
Phone	4.92
Travel	5.27
All other	3.92
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Total Old Age Assistance	\$18,449.41

LUCILLE H. GODEK,

Welfare Agent

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Month	Number of Cases	Payment
January	26	\$1,324.31
February	26	1,605.47
March	26	1,862.32
April	25	1,358.51
May	25	1,326.04
June	25	1,371.10
July	25	1,306.15
August	24	1,419.32
September	24	1,548.95
October	23	1,355.11
November	23	1,545.37
December	24	1,508.04

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Month	Number of Cases	Payment
January	5	519.40
February	5	526.02
March	6	572.78
April	5	328.30
May	5	324.30
June	5	379.60
July	5	398.20
August	5	379.60
September	5	379.60
October	5	425.10
November	5	418.90
December	5	384.85

GENERAL RELIEF

January	6	170.00
February	6	171.35
March	6	170.00
April	5	155.10
May	5	153.75
June	5	153.75
July	5	155.25
August	5	153.75
September	7	260.75
October	7	245.05
November	7	203.70
December	7	243.70

LUCILLE H. GODEK

Welfare Agent

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

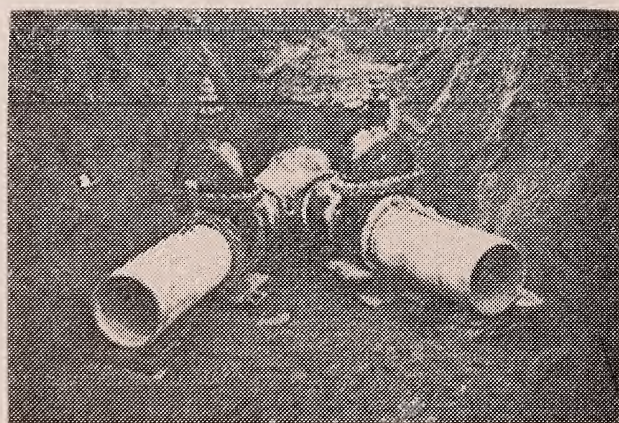
I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1951, and the number of arrests made in the town of Hatfield.

Speeding	26
Driving as to endanger	3
Drunkenness	14
Laoceny	1
Driving under the influence of liquor	4
Uninsured cars	5
Unregistered cars	8
Sticker violations	1
Leaving the scene of an accident	2
Fugitive from justice	1
Operating without an auto license	3
Violation of game laws	6
Assault and battery	1
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Total number of arrests	75

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. WILKES,

Chief of Police.



Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The project of laying a 14" asbestos cement water main is well under way.

Due to the small supply of pipe on hand and the slow delivery on cast iron fittings, the Water Commissioners instead of delaying the project any longer and after much deliberation, decided, with the approval of the engineers, to start the project with local men and equipment. With over 10,000 ft. of pipe laid, including 300' of cast iron pipe, our cost is 91¢ per ft. for labor and machine hire. This includes the excavation of 116 cu. yds. of rock.

Our intentions were to reach the main highway and make our cross connections to our existing mains, but due to the unusually rainy season we fell short of our goal by a few hundred feet.

There has been a large amount of criticism about the condition of Linseed Road. We had tried to have this road graded and graveled but with the heavy clay soil and very rainy weather this was impossible without spending a large sum of money. We believe we can accomplish this next spring with a much smaller sum. In general we believe the project up to this point has been very successful.

HENRY F. KULESZA,
RUPERT HARUBIN,
CHESTER PRUCNAL,
Board of Water Commissioners.



Library Report

“Reading is life’s first adventure alone” and yet children are largely dependent upon their adult friends for the books they read.

If the children of today are to be prepared to meet the challenge of the world of tomorrow, it is not sufficient that the books they read be simply informative or merely entertaining, they must be inspirational. Through them, children must come to know and admire moral beauty, religious ideals, high standards, chivalrous conduct, and heroic example, children must receive motivation and stimulation that will mature in healthy attitudes towards God and Country. In selecting our books during the year, we have tried to select books that would fulfill these qualifications.

Four hundred and seventy-seven new books and forty-five periodicals have been catalogued and put into circulation. Of these books two hundred and one were for children and two hundred and seventy-six for adults. The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was as follows:

Juvenile Fiction	9,067
Juvenile Non-fiction	2,709
Adult Fiction	8,192
Adult Non-fiction	3,336
Book Mobile	426
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	23,730

The total number of registered borrowers, men, women and children is eight hundred and seventy-nine.

We have the privilege of borrowing any non-fiction book not found on our shelves from the Division of Public Libraries, Boston, Massachusetts; this privilege we will gladly use on request.

Meetings attended during the year were: Western Massachusetts Library Club on May 3rd, at The Berkshire Museum Auditorium, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Western Massachusetts Library Club and Connecticut Valley Library Club on October 4th at Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Gertrude Breor and Miss Annie Foster were appointed to our library staff during the year as general assistants.

The library is open Monday and Friday 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Wednesday 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

My sincere appreciation is extended to Mrs. Cantwell, Mrs. Breor, Miss Foster, the Trustees and Teachers for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Godin, Librarian

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

In the past year Western Mass. Electric Co. spent \$4,500.00 for line clearance. Heavy trimming was necessary to clear the power lines after the wind and ice storms of 1950. An elm and seven maples were taken down, the town paying part cost.

30 Norwood and Rock Maples were planted on Depot Road, Main, Elm and Prospect Streets. \$350.00 was spent for a Mall chain saw. Ten elms infected with Dutch Elm disease were taken down and burned. Work was started on a large elm near the Smith Academy high school but was incomplected. New England Tel. Co., must remove its wires first before the elm can be taken down. All our shade trees on all streets were sprayed twice with D. D. T.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W, ZALINSKI,

Tree Warden.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

To the citizens of Hatfield:

I am happy to submit my annual report as inspector of animals and slaughter for the year ending December 31, 1951. In the fall I visited all farmers and owners of animals and found all barns in good condition. I inspected 100 barns and animals as follows:

Milk Cows	204
2 yr. Heifers	61
1 yr. Heifers	113
Bulls	16
Steer	47
Horses	98
Sheep	302
Swine	103
Chickens	4,025

SLAUGHTER

Inspections by me as inspector of slaughtering for 1951 were as follows:

Cattle	163
Calves	43
Sheep	48
Hogs	64

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL PEASE

Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1951	\$966.00	
Personal 1951	11,003.36	
Real 1951	72,562.48	
Poll Previous Years	178.00	
Personal Previous Years	1,535.25	
Real Previous Years	24,728.73	
In Lieu of Taxes	59.83	
	<hr/>	\$111,033.65

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1951	\$14,336.75	
Previous Years	3,022.85	
	<hr/>	\$17,359.60

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Meal Tax—Old Age Assistance	\$161.22	
Corporation Tax	9,581.79	
Income Tax	27,727.68	
Public Service Franchise	87.01	
	<hr/>	\$37,557.70

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	4,985.00	
Milk	3.50	
Junk	32.00	
All Others	289.50	
	<hr/>	\$5,310.00
Court Fines		\$75.50

Grant from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	\$10,039.22	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,311.78	
Smith Hughes and George Barden	1,630.20	
Commodity Dist. Fund School Lunch	3,562.67	
	<hr/>	\$17,543.87

RECEIPTS

Grants from State:		
Vocational Education	\$2,555.13	
Transportation	1,932.50	
Highways Chapter 81	16,223.56	
Veterans On-Farm Training	95.56	
	<hr/>	\$20,806.75
Hampshire County:		
Dog Licenses		\$274.56
Sale of War Bonds		\$92,065.00
Rehabilitation Fund		\$1,983.75
Water Construction Fund		\$8,951.25
Rehabilitation Fund		60,000.00
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Total General Revenue		\$372,961.63

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall		\$250.00
Outlays		\$44.07
Fire Department		\$25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		\$195.85
Tree Department		\$2.50
Health and Sanitation:		
Dental Clinic	\$128.00	
Slaughter Insp. Fees	229.00	
Sewer Connection	66.00	
	<hr/>	\$423.00
Highways:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	\$782.41	
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	782.41	
Chapter 90 Construction State	17,342.49	
Chapter 90 Construction County	8,671.23	
Highway Machinery Fund	2,254.50	
Individuals for Fence Damage, Etc	107.64	
Sale of Cement Mixer, Scrap Iron, Etc.	450.57	
	<hr/>	\$30,391.25
Public Welfare:		
Cities and Towns		\$1,018.35
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Reimbursement from State		\$1,979.83
Old Age Assistance:		
Reimbursement from State		\$6,844.94

RECEIPTS

Schools:		
Athletic Fund	\$923.24	
Tuition and Transportation	435.32	
Sale of Supplies	6.60	
Deposit on Plans Heating System	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,370.16
School Lunch—Sale of Lunches		\$6,684.26
Library Fines		\$67.49
Insurance Refund		\$18.32
Refund from Telephones		\$21.40
Water Department:		
Water Rents	\$9,262.53	
Rent of Land	200.00	
Sale of Lumber	1,955.00	
New Services	70.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,487.53
Care of Cemetery Lots		\$316.00
General Interest:		
Interest on Taxes	\$311.89	
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	17.73	
	<hr/>	\$329.62
Interest on Trust and Investment Funds:		
Cemeteries	\$269.46	
War Bonds	\$1,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,469.46
Total Commercial Revenue		<hr/> \$62,939.03

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

Municipal Indebtedness:		
Water Loan	\$37,000.00	
Premium	32.38	
	<hr/>	\$37,032.38

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENTS

Dog Tax Due County	\$262.40
Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Funds	350.00

RECEIPTS

Firemen's Relief Fund	25.00	
Blue Cross	\$1,215.15	
Retirement	1,178.19	
Withholding	6,578.85	
Total Agency, Trust and Investments		<u>\$9,609.59</u>
Total All Receipts		\$482,572.33
Cash on Hand January 1, 1951		<u>\$81,869.55</u>
Total		\$564,441.88

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will		\$10.00
Selectmen:		
Salary		\$750.00
Clerk		\$150.00
Expenses:		
Travel	\$53.40	
Dues—State & County Assoc.	31.00	
Printing and Stationery	26.15	
All Other	21.84	
		<u>\$132.39</u>
Town Accountant:		
Salary		\$1,150.00
Expenses:		
Printing Stationery & Postage	39.26	
Dues	3.00	
Adding Machine	142.00	
		<u>\$184.26</u>
Town Treasurer:		
Salary		\$1,250.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Stationery & Postage	\$79.56	
Surety Bond	82.50	
Travel	91.45	
Purch. Check-Writer	190.00	
Dues	2.00	
All Other	63.90	
		<u>\$509.41</u>

PAYMENTS

Tax Collector:

Salary		\$1,100.00
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Expenses:

Clerk	\$28.90	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	131.57	
Surety Bond	175.25	
Dues	2.00	
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		\$337.72

Assessors:

Salary		\$1,500.00
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Expenses:

Clerical	\$33.68	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	150.62	
Travel	95.62	
Purchase Typewriter	155.00	
Dues	9.00	
All Other	25.20	
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		\$469.12

Attorney's Fees

	\$180.00
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Town Clerk:

Salary		\$1250.00
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Expenses:

Surety Bond	\$7.50	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	56.07	
Recording	122.00	
Dues	5.00	
Travel	74.40	
All Other	1.00	
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		\$265.97

Election & Registration:

Registrars	\$46.00	
Election Officers	72.00	
Clerical	140.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	27.40	
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		\$285.40

Total General Government

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PAYMENTS

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,202.50	
Fuel	1,498.25	
Lights	623.85	
Janitor's Supplies	248.60	
Repairs	773.62	
All Other	134.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,480.82

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$731.25	
Men	214.00	
Use of Car	90.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,035.25

Fire Department:

Chief	\$250.00	
Clerk	100.00	
Men	794.00	
Repairs to Fire Station	259.01	
Parts and Repairs	53.32	
Care of Fire Truck	80.00	
Misc. Equipment	449.83	
Gasoline	16.66	
Fuel	86.24	
Light	58.51	
Rent—No. Hatfield	90.00	
Truck Repairs	43.76	
Dues	5.00	
Telephone	163.90	
Fog Nozzles	70.00	
New Fire Hose	1,711.95	
New Hose Dryer	655.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,887.18

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary		\$200.00
Misc. Supplies	\$10.20	
Auto Expense	28.50	
	<hr/>	\$38.70

PAYMENTS

Moth Work:		
Spraying	\$552.50	
Labor	18.75	
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Tree Work:		
Labor	\$1,295.79	
Equipment	353.90	
Trees	162.00	
All Other	18.01	
	<hr/>	\$1,829.70
Civil Defense:		
Radio	\$45.98	
Printing, Stationery, Etc.	28.30	
	<hr/>	\$74.28
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$8,636.36

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Clerical	\$140.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	6.50	
Board and Treatment Tuberculosis	2,831.50	
Well-Child Clinic	185.00	
Visiting Nurse	700.00	
Pre-School Clinic	86.50	
Dental Clinic	148.00	
Inspection of Animals	480.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,577.50

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$2,923.05	
Equipment and Misc.	153.68	
Fuel	160.14	
Telephone	104.02	
Lights	15.49	
All Other	235.70	
	<hr/>	\$3,592.08

PAYMENTS

Snow and Ice Removal:		
Salaries and Wages	\$1,620.11	
Sand and Salt	314.35	
Sidewalks	366.31	
	<hr/>	\$2,300.77
Total Highway General		<hr/> \$5,892.85
Bridge Repairs:		
Salaries and Wages	\$792.56	
Lumber	187.11	
All Other	278.47	
	<hr/>	\$1,258.14
Erect Fences		\$175.29
Street Lights		\$3,521.13
Purch. Road Grader		\$6,775.00
Purchase Pick-Up		\$1,450.00
Machinery Operating:		
Parts and Repairs	\$1,841.71	
Gas	928.33	
Grease and Oil	48.99	
	<hr/>	\$2,819.03
Highway Chapter 81:		
Labor	\$7,229.20	
Town Machinery	2,180.10	
Other Machinery	3,882.75	
Concrete Pipe and Culverts	2,304.11	
Asphalt Mix and Gravel	4,530.92	
Tar and Asphalt	863.76	
Calcium Chloride	162.43	
All Other	94.76	
	<hr/>	\$21,248.03
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	\$210.14	
Town Equipment	50.40	
Hired Equipment	283.00	
Tar and Stone	955.07	
	<hr/>	\$1,498.61
Chapter 90 New Construction		<hr/> \$41,061.14
Total All Highways		<hr/> \$85,699.22

PAYMENTS
CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Welfare:

General Administration:

Salary of Agent	\$154.05	
Printing and Postage	30.02	
Telephone	3.83	
Travel	2.33	
All Other	3.29	
Total Administration		\$193.52

Relief by Town:

Coal and Wood	\$32.00	
Board and Care	408.40	
State Institutions	1,134.57	
Cash Grants to Individuals	2,244.15	
		\$3,819.12

Relief by Other Towns

\$115.50

Total Public Welfare

\$4,128.14

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Grants—Town Appropriation	\$2,412.05	
Cash Grants—Federal Funds	2,628.30	
Telephone	2.95	
Travel	1.64	
All Other	1.54	
Agent's Salary—Town Appropriation	30.36	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	83.19	
Total Aid to Dependent Children		\$5,160.03

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Grants—Town Appropriation	\$8,608.31	
Cash Grants—Federal Funds	8,921.38	
Other Cities and Towns	244.75	
Agent's Salary—Town Approp.	208.30	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	424.10	
Postage & Printing	28.46	
Phone	4.92	
Travel	5.27	
All Other	3.92	
Total Old Age Assistance		\$18,449.41

PAYMENTS

Soldiers' Benefits:

Agent's Salary	\$100.00	
Postage	3.64	
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		\$103.64
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits		<hr/>
		\$27,841.22

SCHOOLS

General Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	\$3,816.71	
Clerk—Superintendent's Office	115.50	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	93.83	
Telephone	249.13	
Traveling Expenses	212.77	
School Census	50.00	
New Equipment and Equipment Repairs	384.25	
Dues	23.00	
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		\$4,945.19

Teachers Salaries from Town Appropriation:

High	\$23,015.42	
Elementary	25,455.64	
Music	1,086.21	
Drawing	448.00	
Penmanship	400.00	
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		\$50,405.27

Text and Reference Books:

High	\$477.79	
Elementary	862.50	
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		\$1,340.29

Supplies:

High	\$554.85	
Elementary	\$1,037.32	
Agriculture	155.06	
Physical Education	656.97	
Audio Visual Supplies	186.07	
Health	43.16	
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		\$2,633.43

PAYMENTS

Transportation:		
High	\$1,776.34	
Elementary	1,758.34	
Athletic	397.70	
	<hr/>	\$3,932.38
High School Athletics		\$498.57
Janitors Services:		
High	\$2,256.40	
Elementary	2,373.15	
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Fuel and Lights:		
High	\$880.23	
Elementary	1,130.49	
Agriculture Power	54.72	
	<hr/>	\$2,065.44
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Janitors Supplies, High	\$175.00	
Janitors Supplies, Elementary	285.23	
Elementary Repairs	1,943.91	
Athletic Field	131.84	
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Diplomas and Graduation Exercises		\$84.16
Athletic Insurance	\$126.50	
Liability	24.80	
	<hr/>	\$151.30
School Nurse		\$,1328.17
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Total Schools from Town Appropriation		\$74,549.73
School Committee Expense		\$45.90
Athletic Fund		\$733.31
School Physician		300.00
Agric. Teacher's Salary fr Geo. Barden Federal Funds		\$1,210.77
Agri. Teacher Travel Expense fr Geo. Barden		
Federal Funds		\$110.23
New Heating Plant		\$21,573.71
Vocational Schools Tuition	\$1,094.05	
Vocational School Transportation	424.40	
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Total Schools		\$100,042.10

PAYMENTS

School Lunch:

Wages	\$1,807.16	
Food	3,865.99	
Fuel	97.35	
Misc. Supplies	100.11	
Chairs	432.50	
Misc. Repairs	33.40	
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		\$6,336.51

School Lunch—Commodity Distribution Fund:

Wages	\$1,529.84	
Food	1,891.72	
Misc. Supplies	108.11	
Fuel	30.00	
Repairs	3.00	
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		\$3,562.67

Total School Lunch		<hr/>	\$9,899.18
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LIBRARY

Librarian's Salary	\$900.00	
Asst. Librarian's Salary	350.50	
Janitors	144.00	
Books	724.85	
Periodicals	79.05	
Binding Books	4.50	
Fuel	193.69	
Lights	21.07	
Janitor's Supplies	9.30	
Stationery, Postage & Printing	29.31	
All Other	17.69	
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		\$2,473.96

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$357.10	
Care of Town Clock	50.00	
Printing and Distribute Town Reports	655.71	
Telephone	166.82	
Unclassified	49.55	
Outlays	44.40	
Unpaid Bills Previous Years	691.06	
Purchase Bleachers	906.86	
Retirement Assessments	971.60	
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		\$3,893.10

PAYMENTS INSURANCE

Liability and Property Damage	\$466.63	
Money and Securities	73.00	
Volunteer Firemen	128.75	
Public Liability	171.61	
Workmen's Compensation	830.77	
Town Schedule	987.54	
Steam Boilers	287.30	
	<hr/>	\$2,945.60

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries		\$425.00
Collector's Commission	\$463.13	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	13.00	
Travel	56.20	
Labor	1,639.99	
Trucks	8.00	
Pipe and Fittings	661.82	
Equipment	704.41	
General Repairs	703.84	
Care Chlorinator	249.96	
Chlorine	193.00	
All Other	162.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,855.35

Improvement of. Watershed	\$30.00
New Dam at Small Reservoir	\$1,311.44
Raymond Avenue	\$893.20
Sunset Avenue	\$258.88
Land Purchase	1,200.00

Install 14" Water Main to Prospect and Chestnut Sts:	
Labor	\$4,503.81
Truck	650.50
Tractor	284.00
Bulldozer	1,783.55
Shovel	2,636.25
Pipe	75,027.94
Tapping Sleeves with Valves	2,606.68
Wood for Blocking	659.18
Gasoline	10.20
Gravel	118.35
Engineers	1,034.05

PAYMENTS

Repayment of Advance by Fed. Gov't for plan	5,129.85	
All Other	416.01	
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		\$94,860.37
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Total Water Department		\$103,834.24

CEMETERIES

Clerk	\$50.00	
Labor	725.00	
Equipment	89.50	
Repairs, Etc.	48.74	
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		\$913.24

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:		
State Parks and Reservations	\$312.54	
State Audit	844.08	
County	15,728.13	
Dog Licenses for County	264.20	
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		\$17,148.95
Cemetery P. C. Funds—New	\$350.00	
Cemetery P. C. Fund—Income	\$7.50	
Firemen's Relief Fund	\$25.00	
Interest on War Bonds	\$1,200.00	
Rehabilitation Fund	\$60,000.00	
Withholding	\$6,578.85	
Retirement	\$1,178.19	
Blue Cross	\$1,215.15	
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		\$87,703.64

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$867.05	
Motor Vehicle	593.51	
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		\$1,460.56
Transfer. O. A. A. Fed. Gr. Adm.		<hr/>
		\$2.00
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Total Payments		\$454,952.01
Balance January 1, 1952		109,489.87
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Total		\$564,441.88

TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNT

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$109,489.87	Road Machinery Earnings Fund	\$3,790.96
Accounts Receivable:		Premium on Sale of Notes	\$32.38
Taxes:			
Levy of 1946	\$4.00	Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1947	311.31	Aid to Dependent Children	\$104.29
Levy of 1948	1,283.07	Aid to Dependent Children, Admn.	5.50
Levy of 1949	2,180.48	Old Age Assistance	1,344.68
Levy of 1950	7,052.99	Old Age Assistance, Admn.	26.50
Levy of 1951	30,506.32	Smith-Hughes and George Barden	1,142.14
	<u>\$41,338.17</u>		<u>\$2,623.11</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise:			
Levy of 1946	\$5.19		
Levy of 1947	30.50		
Levy of 1948	360.28		
Levy of 1949	781.37		
Levy of 1950	1,440.65		

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:
Highway Chapter 90

Reserved Until Collected:

Departmental	
Revenue	\$955.19
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Revenue	9,715.56
Water Revenue	2,162.02
State and County Aid	
to Highway Rev.	26,070.83
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	\$38,903.60

Overlay Surplus	2,705.52
Water Available Surplus	13,926.53
Tailings	146.85
State Parks Tax Overestimate	68.43
County Tax Overestimate	1,473.04

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Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1946	\$4.00
Levy of 1947	311.31
Levy of 1949	2,180.48
Levy of 1950	3,158.53
Levy of 1951	4,295.16
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	\$9,949.48

	Surplus Revenue	\$78,024.52
Total Assets	<u>\$189,788.97</u>	<u>\$189,788.97</u>

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	Water Main Chestnut & Prospect Streets Loan	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$13,273.09	63
	Firemen's Relief Fund	45.08	
	General Care Fund—		
	Main Street Cemetery	10.00	
	Hatfield Library Fund	747.94	
	Hill Cemetery General Care	765.29	
	Rehabilitation Fund	471.35	
	<u>\$15,312.75</u>	<u>\$15,312.75</u>	

GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI,

Town Accountant.

Appropriation Table

	1951 Approp.	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance To Revenue or Forward
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salary	750.00		750.00	750.00	
Selectmen's Clerk	150.00		150.00	150.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00		150.00	132.39	\$17.61
Accountant's Salary	1,150.00		1,150.00	1,150.00	
Accountant's Expense	100.00	\$85.00	185.00	184.26	.74
Treasurer's Salary	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Treasurer's Expense	275.00	44.41	319.41	319.41	
Purch. Check-Writer—Treas. Dept.	190.00		190.00	190.00	
Collector's Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	
Collector's Expense	400.00		400.00	337.72	62.28
Assessor's Salary	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Assessor's Expense	300.00	14.12	314.12	314.12	
Purch. Adding Mach.—Assessors	160.00		160.00	155.00	5.00
Attorney's Fees	400.00		400.00	180.00	220.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	250.00	20.00	270.00	265.97	4.03
Election and Registration	350.00		350.00	285.40	64.60
Elector's Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,480.82	19.18

Police Dept.	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,035.25	164.75
Fire Dept.	2,500.00	29.23	2,529.23	2,529.23	
Purch. Hose and Fog Nozzles—Fire Dept.	900.00	825.00	1,725.00	1,696.95	28.05
Purch. Hose Dryer	665.00		665.00	655.00	10.00
Pur. Dual Wheels (to Hose a/c)	490.00		490.00	490.00	
Tree Work	1,500.00	400.00	1,900.00	1,829.70	70.30
Moth Work	700.00		700.00	571.25	128.75
Sealer of Weights and Measures Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer Weights and Measures Expenses	50.00		50.00	38.70	11.30
Public Health	500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	2,978.00	522.00
School Physician	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Insp. of Animals	480.00		480.00	480.00	
Insp. of Children—Pre-School	100.00		100.00	86.50	13.50
Insp. of Children Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00	75.00	75.00
Dental Clinic	450.00		450.00	148.00	302.00
Well Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	185.00	15.00
Visiting Nurse	700.00		700.00	700.00	
Highway General	5,500.00	392.85	5,892.85	5,892.85	
Highway Chapter 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	21,248.03	1,001.97
Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,498.61	301.39
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,819.03	180.97
Purch. Pick-Up	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,450.00	150.00
Purch. Road Grader	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,775.00	225.00
Street Lights	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,521.13	78.87
Bridge Repairs	2,492.66		2,492.66	1,258.14	1,234.52
Purch. and Erect Fencing	360.23		360.23	175.29	184.94

Public Welfare	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,128.14	871.86
Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,448.54	1,051.46
Aid to Dependent Children Fed. Gr.	2,732.59	2,732.59	2,628.30	104.29
Aid to Dependent Children Fed. Gr. Adm.	88.69	88.69	83.19	5.50
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	11,000.00	9,082.23	1,917.77
Old Age Assistance Fed. Gr.	10,266.06	10,266.06	8,921.38	1,344.68
Old Age Assistance Fed. Gr. Adm.	452.60	452.60	426.10	26.50
Veterans' Benefits	500.00	500.00	103.64	396.36
School Comm. Exp.	100.00	100.00	45.90	54.10
Schools	73,252.00	74,552.00	74,549.73	2.27
Schools—Geo. Barden	2,463.14	2,463.14	1,321.00	1,142.14
New Heating System—Center	25,000.00	25,000.00	21,573.71	3,426.29
School Athletic Fund	987.16	987.16	733.31	253.85
School Lunch Coll.	13,286.49	13,286.49	6,339.66	6,946.83
School Lunch C. D. F.	3,562.67	3,562.67	3,562.67	
Vocational School Tuition and Trans.	2,600.00	2,600.00	1,518.45	1,081.55
Library	2,200.00	2,474.56	2,473.96	.60
Library Building Repairs	851.59	851.59		851.59
Binding Town Records	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	74.28	
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00		925.72
Insurance	2,500.00	3,250.00	2,945.60	304.40
Land Purch. Adjoining Sunset Avenue	300.00	300.00		300.00
Memorial Day	350.00	357.10	357.10	
Print. & Deliver Town Reports	475.00	180.71	655.71	
Purch. or Const. Bleachers	1,000.00	1,000.00	906.86	93.14

Reserve Fund	3,400.00	3,400.00	1,798.53	1,601.47
Retirement	971.60	971.60	971.60	
Telephone	225.00	225.00	166.82	58.18
Unclassified	50.00	50.00	49.55	.45
Unpaid Bills Prev. Years	674.81	691.06	691.06	
Water Comm. Salaries	425.00	425.00	425.00	
Water Dept.	4,525.00	4,901.85	4,901.85	
Dam at Small Reservoir	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,311.44	488.56
14" Main to Chestnut and Prospect	115,000.00	115,000.00	94,860.37	20,139.63
Lay 4" Main on Raymond Avenue	527.40	846.70	846.70	
Lay 4" Main on Sunset Avenue	466.83	466.83	258.88	207.95
Improve of Watershed at Reservoir	1,106.88	1,106.88	30.00	1,076.88
Purch. or Take Land Within Watershed	4,000.00	4,000.00	1,200.00	2,800.00
Cemeteries	800.00	1,061.96	913.24	148.72
Land Purch. No. Hatfield Cem.	300.00	300.00		300.00
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	\$371,713.40	\$380,010.74	\$326,946.25	\$53,064.49
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		\$8,297.34		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Robert C. Byrne, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Edward S. Kowalski, Secretary	Term expires 1954
Joseph F. Baceski	Term expires 1952

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the first Tuesday of each month
at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Office in Center Elementary School

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Marion Holmes, R. N.

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Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The report of the Superintendent of Schools has been read, approved and adopted as the official report of the School Committee.

During the year 1951 the School Committee held eleven regular and fourteen special meetings.

In the course of the above listed meetings the Committee has adhered to the functions of good, modern, educational administrative procedure. These functions are (1) to determine the policy under which the Hatfield schools are to operate; (2) to review all proposals and criticisms submitted to the Committee; and (3) to evaluate the schools in terms of community needs. The School Committee legislates and the Superintendent executes the policies determined by the Committee.

During 1951 the schools were operated at a cost of \$74,549.73. Credited to the account of schools was an income of \$21,307.34 from all sources. This lowered the net cost to the taxpayer to \$53,242.39.

During the coming year 1952, the Committee is requesting \$83,330.38 to operate the schools. In this same year (1952) it is estimated that the total income to the Town on account of schools will be \$22,553.46. This will lower the overall cost to the taxpayer to a total of \$60,776.92.

To all those who contributed to the successful operation of the School Department during the past year, the Committee desires to express their heartfelt thanks.

ROBERT C. BYRNE, M. D., Chairman.

EDWARD S. KOWALSKI, Secretary,

JOSEPH F. BACESKI.

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Hatfield:

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report on the overall operation of the Hatfield Public Schools.

This report is rendered at a time when the world is searching for security. In times of uncertainty people find solace in words, "Security" is a word that has much solace for us today. It has become a habit with us to say that the baby needs the security of being warm and fed; the child needs the security of being loved; the adolescent needs the security of belonging to a group; the adult needs economic security; the country needs the security of a large army; the world needs the security of peace.

Behind the shadows of these words, in which we put our trust and hope, is the same reality—the need to understand. This is the real security for which we search—in the family, the country, and the world. Understanding—from whence we have come, why we are here, and where we are going—understanding ourselves and our world—is our basic security. We cannot "take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing, end them" unless we understand the cause of our troubles, the reason for opposing them, and the effect of our actions.

Modern teaching techniques and materials must develop security of understanding—must help children acquire fundamental knowledge of themselves and their world. We cannot be content with merely presenting in an interesting and meaningful way just the skills, facts,

and ideas that children need. We must so plan our teaching techniques and materials that they will reflect an understanding of the learning process and the learner. They must provide rich learning experiences. They must organize these experiences in such a way that relationships, attitudes, and fundamental understandings emerge clearly for the child. This is our challenge.

In times of uncertainty "understanding" is the only security.

Personnel

During the year 1951 it was necessary to hire but one new teacher. In June, 1951, Mr. Edward R. Cassidy resigned as teacher-coach at Smith Academy. Mr. Russell Bastin was elected to succeed him. While the town was able to retain the balance of its teaching staff, the full efficiency of this staff was marred by an outbreak of illness amongst the teachers during the latter part of 1951. It was necessary to employ several substitute teachers who very capably filled the gap. Due to the small number of names on the substitute list, it was somewhat difficult to obtain a teacher on short notice. Additional substitute teachers are urgently needed.

As in former years, several members of our staff are endeavoring to improve their teaching abilities through the pursuit of advanced study. This work is being done at Springfield College and the University of Massachusetts.

One of the absolute necessities in attracting and maintaining a capable teaching staff is a modern and adequate salary schedule. The schedule as presented in my Annual Report of last year, while it was adopted on March 1, 1950, soon became obsolete and necessitated revision. Consequently it was revised on October 8, 1951, and is

now in conformity with the teachers' minimum salary law of Mass. (chapter 684, acts of 1951). A copy of the newly revised schedule follows:

Step	Non-Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
1	2300	2400	2500
2	2400	2500	2600
3	2500	2600	2700
4	2600	2700	2800
5	2700	2800	2900
6	2800	2900	3000

The annual step rate increases of each teacher are dependent upon continued satisfactory service and upon the earning by him of at least 4 semester hours of credit for approved professional studies. This credit of 4 semester hours must be earned before a teacher will be advanced across a training bar shown in paragraph 6.—Approved by the Hatfield School Committee September 4, 1951.

Teaching Materials

With the tremendous increase in the price of teaching materials it was not possible to add as many new items of teaching equipment as in former years. However, every pupil was provided with all the necessary basic materials for his education.

In the first grades the latest revision of the Curriculum Foundation Reading Series of the Scott Foresman Co. was purchased. This series is the most widely used reading program in the country, it being adopted by 80% of the towns and cities in the U. S. The new revision of the series, as used in Grade 1, is a parallelly constructed

reading program in that each child starts off in his reading readiness program at the same time. They are then tested and those who have satisfactorily completed this phase of the work move on into the pre-primer work. The others move into further training to strengthen their weaknesses and through the parallel set-up of the program they progress down through the program and eventually catch-up with the other group. Both groups make use of filmstrips and recordings to assist them in their phonetic training.

The latest and most complete U. S. History textbooks were adopted for the eighth grade.

A new 1951 revision of the Black & Davis Physics book was adopted for the high school physics class. This text includes the subject of nuclear physics and is thus an excellent companion text for the chemistry set adopted in 1950.

Two new supplementary sets of literature texts were adopted for the high school English classes.

A gift of loose-leaf notebook covers, suitably inscribed with the school colors and name on the cover was received by Smith Academy. These were donated by Mr. John Toczko of Hatfield. These are sincerely appreciated by the School Department.

A gift of paper book covers of the highest grade was received from the Hatfield Lions Club. These will lengthen the life of the textbook and consequently effect a saving for the town. The donation is deeply appreciated.

Testing Program

After a town provides good teachers and the best in teaching materials, it cannot relax and be sure that good

learning is taking place. It is necessary that the entire program be evaluated. One of the methods of evaluating os through the use of standardized tests.

In the Center School ,the "Iowa Every-Pupil Tests of Basic Skills" was again used. However, the method of administering the tests was changed. The tests, formerly given in May or June, were not given until September. By giving the tests in September the teacher was given an excellent idea of the exact grade-level of her pupils. This is of inestimable value to her in the grouping of her pupils according to ability. It will also enable her to plan her year's program of work to fit the needs and abilities of her children.

The following table represents the average achievement of each of the grades tested (Gr. 3-8) :

	G R A D E S					
	3	4	5	6	7	8
Score that grade should have	32	41	51	61	71	81
Reading level	28	40	49	55	65	83
Work-study habits	31	35	48	64	63	83
Language skills	31	39	52	74	66	88
Arithmetic skills	43	39	51	61	61	80

According to the authors and publishers of the above test, a variance of five points in the score is permissible. From an examination of the above chart it can be seen that in most areas the work of our elementary school children is up to the proper grade level. Areas of weakness can also be seen.

As measures of I. Q., the Henmon-Nelson Test was administered in the elementary school and the Science Research Associates Test of Primary Mental Abilities in the high school. It was found that the vast majority of our children have normal or above normal intelligence. This should be gratifying to parents as well as to teachers.

The high school testing program has included the "Kuder Preference Record-Vocational" test. This is a test to indicate fields of vocational interest on the part of the students. Various standardized achievement tests in the different subject-matter fields were also administered.

Curriculum Changes

In an attempt to modernize it and to make it more inclusive, the course of study for the upper three (Gr. 6, 7, 8) elementary grades has been revised. In the fall of 1950 a formal course in General Science was instituted in the above listed grades. Because of the question of time, it was then possible to devote only two class periods per week to it. When planning for the opening of school in the fall of 1951, it seemed, that in view of the importance of science in the world of today, that it would be well to expand this program. Consequently, five periods a week are now devoted to this vital subject. It now ranks along with the other "majors" in the departmental set-up of the Center School, the majors being English, the Social Studies (history and geography), Mathematics, and General Science. This change necessitated the re-assigning of teaching personnel. The following subjects now are in charge of: Mrs. Breor, English; Miss Kiley, Social Studies; Miss Kempisty, Mathematics; Mr. Jenness, General Science.

In the high school, a club-activity program was instituted in the fall. This has proven popular and worthwhile. There are, however, certain shortcomings which it is planned to correct in another year.

In the Vocational-Agriculture program, the subject of Arc-Welding was added to the Farm-Shop Course. The equipment, while expensive, was procured without any cost to the town, it being paid for by a grant of Federal

money which is expressly for vocational purposes. The equipment did not arrive until the latter part of December. Therefore, not much teaching was done in the field during 1951. It is anticipated that during 1952 this subject will be one of the most popular in the vocational course.

Growth of Parent-Teacher Council

During the past year the growth of the Hatfield Parent-Teacher Council has been phenomenal, the attendance rising from 25 or 30 parents to a high of 125. This interest in the schools is most gratifying to the School Department. It is an indication of parental interest in our work as well as a compliment to the leadership of the officers of the Council.

School Banking

The interest in school banking has remained at a high level during the year. This year the program has been expanded and now goes through the sophomore class at Smith Academy. The cooperation of Mrs. Connors, the School Savings Representative, has been excellent. A detailed summary of this activity appears elsewhere in this report.

Care of School Property

The citizens of Hatfield are indeed fortunate to have two such capable janitors in charge of the school property. A school janitorship is a position which entails long hours and at times the position seems to be rather thankless. During the past year the work of the janitors, especially the Center school janitor, has been made needlessly more difficult by the thoughtlessness of some of the residents of the town. Reference is made to the card games and drinking parties held on the lawn of the Center School. This disgraceful spectacle has become repugnant not only

to school officials, but also to an ever increasing number of Hatfield citizens who take pride in the appearance of their town. During the good weather, scarcely a morning goes by without the necessity of the janitor, the principal or the superintendent, picking up a plentiful supply of cards or bottles about the building. This utter disregard for public property was climaxed by the building of a small bonfire on the steps of the North entrance to the building. It is sincerely hoped that vigorous public opinion coupled with effective police action will put on end to this entirely inappropriate activity about a public school building.

New Center School Heating Plant

The pupils and faculty of the Center School are sincerely appreciative of the new heating and ventilating system provided them by the taxpayers of the town. This type of plant is listed as the most efficient and healthful type for public buildings. The air is drawn directly into each individual classroom, heated and dispersed throughout the room. This is all under automatic, thermostatic regulation. Nearby communities using this same sort of plant are the Hooker School addition in Hadley, the Sunderland School, the new \$855,000 school in East Longmeadow and the new Memorial School in North Wilbraham. The new schools to be constructed in Northampton this year will also be so heated and ventilated. Parts of the Cooley Dickinson Hospital also utilize this kind of plant. During the first few months of the cold weather, considerable work was necessary on the part of the technicians in the balancing, adjusting and coordinating of the various automatic controls. This was a major task as there are twenty-three of them in all. The understanding patience of all during this period—parents, faculty, and pupils—is sincerely appreciated.

Other Repairs and Improvements

The repairs and improvements accomplished this year, while not so numerous, are nevertheless broader in scope. They are as follows:

Center School—

1. All exterior brick pointed up.
2. Capstones pointed up.
3. Foundation strengthened on southwest corner.
4. Call bell and fire alarm systems checked and corrected.
5. Entire basement newly painted.
6. New lights in basement playrooms.
7. Additional all-purpose room constructed in basement.
8. All cracked window glass replaced.

School St. School—

1. Check valve on return line to boiler repaired.
2. New light installed in dark hallway to boys' basement.
3. New smoke-pipe installed in boiler-room.
4. New bubbler fountain installed in west room.
5. New 220 volt line installed in shop for arc-welder.

The Trustees of Smith Academy, through their far-sightedness and interest in the youth of Hatfield cared for many hundreds of dollars worth of repair at the Academy. The School Department recognizes and sincerely appreciates their contributions to education in Hatfield. Their repairs and improvements are as follows:

1. Assembly hall floor sanded and refinished.
2. New auditorium, theater-style, seating installed.

3. All electric light switches replaced with modern types.
4. Bell system repaired.

The recommended repairs for 1952 are as follows:

Center School—

1. All exterior woodwork painted. . .
2. New flagpole.

School St. School—

1. Paint both classrooms.
2. Wash all paint and walls in hallways and stairwells.

School Lunch Program

The Hatfield School Lunch staff has again, in spite of greatly increased costs, been able to, through judicious planning and management, serve wholesome, nourishing meals with no financial help from the town. As testimony to the efficient management of the lunchroom, is the fact that while the year started with \$6,599.08 on hand in the School Lunch Reserve, it was possible to end the year with \$6,946.83 on hand—a net increase of \$347.75. This gain was realized in spite of the increase in food prices, the granting of a pay increase to the staff, and the purchase of \$432.50 worth of new chairs for the dining room.

It was voted in 1951, that effective in January, 1952, the lunchroom staff should be entitled to five days sick-leave with pay and pay for all holidays that occur during a school week.

The following information is submitted for examination:

Month	No. of Lunch Days	No. of Meals Served
January	22	4,740
February	14	3,006
March	21	4,464
April	16	3,415
May	22	4,518
June	11	2,043
September	18	4,359
October	21	5,172
November	21	4,585
December	15	3,664
Total	181	39,966

In addition to the above "paid-for" meals, a total of 780 free meals were served those children, who, in the opinion of school authorities, were deserving of a balanced meal, but through no fault of theirs, were unable to buy one.

School Lunch Financial Summary

1. Expenditures:

	1950	1951
Food	\$5,256.37	\$5,715.83
Wages	3,034.00	3,336.50
All other	1,078.22	846.35
Total	\$9,388.39	\$9,898.68

2. Sources of above expended money:

	1950	1951
Taxation	\$ 600.00	none
Fed. reimbursement	2,485.06	\$3,562.67
Lunch Reserve	6,303.33	6,336.01
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Total	\$9,388.39	\$9,898.68

3. Income:

	1950	1951
Receipts from sale of lunches (to lunch reserve for 1952)	\$6,527	\$6,684.26
From Fed. Funds	2,485.06	3,562.67
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Total	\$9,012.44	\$10,246.93

School Enrollment—Oct. 1, 1951

Center Elementary School by Grades

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1950	35	36	39	26	21	25	22	29
1951	35	38	35	36	28	18	22	22

Comparative Totals for Center School

Year	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Total Pupils	228	224	229	243	233	234

Smith Academy Enrollment by Classes

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
1949	23	20	16	15	74
1950	23	24	17	14	78
1951	25	26	20	17	88

Totals for Hatfield Public Schools

Year	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Totals	319	296	300	317	311	322

Conclusion

In the writing of this report, I have purposely omitted an explanation of certain aspects of our work. These have been referred to members of our professional staff who are better qualified to explain them than I am. Their reports are included elsewhere in this over-all School Department report.

This has been a stimulating and challenging year. It has been a year of accomplishment. It has also been a year with many problems to solve. To all who contributed to our accomplishments and to those who helped us surmount our problems—School Committee, faculty, parents, pupils, various townspeople, and town officials—I owe an inexpressable debt of gratitude.

GORDON C. GETCHELL,

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1951

Regular, day schools—

Appropriation for support	\$73,252.00
Transferred to school account	1,300.00

Total available for year	\$74,552.00
Total expenditures	74,549.73

Unexpended balance	\$ 2.27
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Cost of regular, day schools to Town—

Total expenditures	\$74,549.73
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Credits:

Chap. 70 (amended Chap. 643)	\$17,148.12	
Chap. 679 (transportation)	1,932.50	
High School Agric. Dept.	1,697.14	
Veterans I. O. F. Training	88.16	
Tuition and trans.; out-of-town pupils	435.32	
Miscellaneous income	6.10	\$21,307.34

Net cost of schools from local taxation	\$53,242.39
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Vocational education (out-of-town)—

Appropriation for support	\$2,600.00
Expended—tuition and transportation	1,518.45

Unexpended balance	\$1,081.55
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Cost of out-of-town vocational education to Town—

Total expenditures	\$1,518.45
Reimbursement from state	857.99

Net cost of voc. ed. from local taxation	\$ 660.46
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Financial Statement—New Center School

Heating Plant—January 1, 1952

Appropriation	\$25,000.00
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Expended to date:

General contractor-R. F. Mutter Co.	\$20,606.59
Engineering fees-D. F. McCarthy	899.13
Legal fees-John R. Callahan	40.00
Advertising for bids	27.99

Total paid to date	\$21,573.71
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Bills outstanding:

R. F. Mutter Co.	\$1,871.76
D. F. McCarthy	224.79

Total bills outstanding	\$2,096.55
Total, incurred expenses	23,670.26

Balance—after completion of plant	\$ 1,329.74
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SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1952

1951 Approp.	1951 Cost	Classification	1952 Estimate
Instruction, Teaching Staff			
\$20,241.43	\$20,319.47	H. School, Academic	\$22,110.22
3,117.50	2,695.95	H. School, Vocational	3,362.00
24,876.64	25,455.64	Elementary Schools	27,717.16
1,905.00	1,934.21	Mus., Penmanship, Art	2,045.00
\$50,140.57	\$50,405.27	Total, Teaching Staff	\$55,234.38

Instruction, Books, Supplies

\$1,000.00	\$1,031.03	H. School, Academic	\$1,000.00
250.00	155.06	H. School, Vocational	250.00
1,875.00	1,873.47	Elementary Schools	2,100.00
200.00	302.25	New Equip. and Inst.	200.00
200.00	188.93	Audio-Visual Sup.	200.00
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\$3,525.00	\$3,550.74	Total, Bks., Sup., Etc.	\$3,750.00

Janitors' Services

\$2,064.00	\$2,256.40	High School	\$2,400.00
2,064.00	2,373.15	Elementary Schools	2,400.00
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\$4,128.00	\$4,629.55	Total, Janitors' Serv.	\$4,800.00

Plant Maintenance

\$400.00	\$454.12	Janitors' Supplies	\$350.00
1,200.00	1,983.84	Elem. Schools Repairs	2,417.00
100.00	131.84	Ath. Field Main.	none
200.00	76.30	Equipment Repairs	200.00
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\$1,900.00	\$2,646.10	Total, Plant Main.	\$2,967.00

Heat, Light and Power

\$1,230.00	\$880.23	High School	\$1,100.00
70.00	54.72	H. School, Vocational	70.00
1,700.00	1,130.49	Elementary Schools	2,650.00
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\$3,000.00	\$2,065.44	Total, Ht., Lgt., Pwr.	\$3,820.00

Transportation

\$3,294.00	\$3,534.68	Regular Daily	\$4,914.00
250.00	297.39	Athletic and other	450.00
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\$3,544.00	\$3,832.07	Total, Transportation	\$5,364.00

School Health

\$1,290.00	\$1,328.34	Salary of Nurse	\$1,390.00
50.00	43.16	Supplies	50.00
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\$1,340.00	\$1,371.50	Total, School Health	\$1,440.00

Administration

\$3,755.04	\$3,816.71	Sup. of Schools	\$4,055.00
375.00	273.28	Exp. Accts. (Supt. and Prin.)	300.00
200.00	249.13	Telephone Service	200.00
50.00	47.14	Post., Prtg., Statnry.	50.00
45.00	50.00	School Census	50.00
150.00	115.50	Clerk (part-time)	150.00
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\$4,575.04	\$4,551.76	Total, Administration	\$4,805.00

Physical Education

\$250.00	\$277.67	Equip. and Supplies	\$250.00
250.00	388.42	Towels	150.00
500.00	595.75	H. S. Ath. Program	500.00
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\$1,000.00	\$1,261.84	Total, Physical Ed.	\$900.00

Other Expenses

\$50.00	\$84.16	Graduation	\$75.00
175.00	126.50	Athletic Insurance	150.00
25.00	24.80	Gen. Liability Ins.	25.00
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\$250.00	\$235.46	Total, Other Expenses	\$250.00
\$73,252.00			
1,300.00	trans.		

\$74,552.00	\$74,549.73	Grand Total, Schools	\$83,330.38
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Vocational School

\$2,600.00	\$1,518.45	Tuition & Trans.	\$2,000.00
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

1951 - 1952

Sept. 4, 1951	Tuesday - Staff meeting 10:00 A. M. Smith Academy Auditorium
Sept. 5, 1951	Wednesday - Schools open with full session
Oct. 12, 1951	Friday - Schools closed - -Columbus Day
Oct. 19, 1951	Friday - Schools closed - Teacher's Convention Day
Nov. 12, 1951	Monday - Schools closed - Armistice Day
Nov. 21, 1951	Wednesday - Schools close at noon - Thanksgiving
Nov. 26, 1951	Monday - Schools open
Dec. 21, 1951	Friday P. M. - Schools close for Christmas vacation
Jan. 2, 1952	Wednesday - Schools open
Feb. 22, 1952	Friday - Schools closed - Washington's Birthday, Beginning of Winter vacation
Feb. 26, 1952	Tuesday - Schools open
Apr. 11, 1952	Friday - Schools closed - Good Friday
Apr. 14, 1952	Monday - Schools closed - Beginning of spring vacation
Apr. 21, 1952	Monday - Schools open
May 30, 1952	Friday - Schools closed - Memorial Day
June 9, 1952	Monday-Elementary School Graduation
June 10, 1952	Tuesday - Elementary Schools close Cafeteria closes
June 11, 1952	Wednesday - High School Class Day
June 12, 1952	Thursday - High School Graduation School closes
Elementary School - 180 days	
High School - 182 days	

Approved by the School Committee

June 5, 1951

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of October 1, 1951

	Boys	Girls	Total
From five to seven years	33	35	68
From seven to sixteen years	144	115	259
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Total by sex	177	150	327

Comparative Totals for Five-Year Period

Years	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
From 5 to 7 years	45	56	74	81	62
From 7 to 16 years	269	257	249	257	255
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Totals	314	313	323	338	317

“NO SCHOOL” SIGNAL

It is the policy of the Hatfield School department to hold regular sessions on mornings when it is practicable to operate the school buses. Parents are asked to use their own discretion as to the wisdom of sending their children on stormy mornings. In other words, the safety of the bus pupils shall be the deciding factor in determining whether or not school shall be held on a questionable, stormy day.

In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel school sessions, the “No School Signal” will be broadcast over radio station WHMP (1400 on the dial) on the Dawn Patrol program at 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00 and 8:15 in the morning.

Principal of Smith Academy

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

I hereby submit my sixth annual report.

The 1951-52 school year opened with eighty-eight students enrolling by grades as follows: ninth grade—25, tenth grade—26, eleventh grade—20, and twelfth grade—17. This is the highest enrollment since 1946. At the present time, every one that enrolled is still attending school.

The educational program at your high school has been outlined for you in detail in recent years. No major program changes were made in the curriculum during the past year. However, one significant change in the school day program was the introduction of club activities to enrich the educational offerings, and give guidance to leisure-time student activities.

Another change that was instituted in the high school was the work-experience program for Seniors. After May 1, under the rules laid down by the School Committee, the principal may release students for immediate employment. Three students from the Commercial Department found suitable employment and were released. This experience has proven to be very helpful to students participating in this plan.

The only change in the teaching staff occurred when Mr. Cassidy resigned as teacher and coach of basketball. This position was ably filled by Mr. Russell Basin.

In my 1949 annual report, reference was made to teacher in-service training being carried out locally by the teachers in the high school. This training was continued during the past year. In reviewing this training program, certain advantages have accrued to benefit the school. This program has secured unity of purpose and objectives on the part of the teaching staff. Its main purpose is to improve teaching and thereby help pupil learning. This aim has been realized.

Since there is an occasional request for information relative to what happens to the receipts at basketball games, I am including a brief summary of the procedure in this report. In conformity with the law that went into effect on October 18, 1949, all moneys received by the athletic department are immediately deposited with the Town Treasurer. Since the Town Treasurer handles all the money, any expenses incurred must be paid by vouchers drawn against the School Department, passed by the School Committee, and paid by the Town Treasurer.

Finally, in reviewing the progress of your high school in the past five years, it is obvious that great strides have been made in making your high school the kind of school that this community needs and desires. This has been possible through your many suggestions, your interest in the school and the support that you have given to it. As has always been our practice, the high school seeks and welcomes all suggestions for making partially articulate the aspirations that the community has for its children.

JOHN C. JAKOBKE

Principal of Smith Academy

SMITH ACADEMY PROGRAM OF STUDIES, 1951-1952

FRESHMAN

College Course Required — English IA, Algebra I, World History, General Science, †Guidance.

Commercial Course Required — English IB, General Math, World History, General Science, †Guidance.

Vocational Course Required — English IB, General Math, Agriculture, †Guidance.

Electives — *Shop, *Home Economics, Music.

†Guidance — 2 times a week

*Shop — 3 times a week for boys

*Home Economics — 3 times a week for girls

SOPHOMORES

College Course Required — English IIA, Biology.

Commercial Course Required — English IIB, Biology, Business Training, Typing I.

Vocational Course Required — English IIB, Biology, Agriculture.

Electives — Plain Geometry, French I, Latin I, Typing I, Home Economics, Music.

JUNIORS

College Course Required — English IIIA, U. S. History.

Commercial Course Required — English IIIB, U. S. History, Shorthand I, Typing II.

Vocational Course Required — English IIIB, U. S. History, Agriculture.

Electives — Physics, French II, Algebra II, Typing I, II, Home Economics, Music.

SENIORS

College Course Required — English IVA, Problems of Democracy.

Commercial Course Required — English IVB, Problems of Democracy, Shorthand II & Secretarial Practice, Bookkeeping.

Vocational Course Required — English IVB, Problems of Democracy, Agriculture.

Electives — Physics, French II, III, Algebra II, Typing I, II, Plane Geometry Home Economics, Music, Trigonometry, Solid Geometry.

SMITH ACADEMY GRADUATION — 1951

PROGRAM

Processional

The National Anthem

Student Speakers

The World is Ours if We Have Vision Nancy A. Barsh

The World is Ours if We Have Friendship

Mildred A. Novak

The World is Ours if We Have Education

Eugene J. LaFrance

The World is Ours if We Have Faith

Eleanor M. Vollinger

The World is Ours if We Meet the Challenge

Phyllis A. Kochan

Come To the Fair

Martin

In A Monastery Garden

Ketelbey

Glee Clubs

Presentation of Class Gift

Henry Kabat

Address — Dr. Leo Gans, Principal, Springfield Technical High School

Presentation of Awards

Principal John Jakobek

Presentation of Diplomas

Robert C. Byrne, M.D.

Chairman of School Committee

Member of Smith Academy Board of Trustees

School Song

Recessional

AWARDS

Pro Merito Pins — Phyllis Kochan, Mildred Novak, Nancy Barsh

Sons of the American Revolution — James Smith

Becker College Scholarship Key — Eugene LaFrance

D.A.R. Award — Patricia Mason

The Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Awards — Patricia Mason, Robert Hojnoski

Hatfield Book Club Award — Esther Thayer

Woman's Endeavor Society Award — Phyllis Kochan

M. Larkin Proulx Shield — Donald Jandzinski

Emily Post Good Manners Award — Mildred Novak

Reader's Digest — Phyllis Kochan

GRADUATES

*Nancy A. Barsh

Chester W. Foster

†Clyde Gallant

Francis Godin

Robert F. Hojnoski

Donald M. Jandzinski

Henry F. Kabat

*Phyllis A. Kochan

Eugene J. LaFrance

Patricia A. Mason

*Mildred A. Novak

David E. Omasta

Marilyn K. Pelc

Satnley J. Pichko

Eleanor M. Vollinger

*Pro Merito

†Veteran

Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

Last fall we changed the time schedule at Center School in order that we might have four full forty-five minute periods in the forenoon. Thus we are able to schedule classes for the four major subjects offered to the upper grades during the first portion of the school day.

The extra period was created partially to make science a full time study in our junior high school. **Why should we teach science in our upper grades?** It is undoubtedly commonplace to say that this is the Scientific Age for there probably never has been a time when the human race was more dependent upon discoveries and achievements of science than it is today.

So much of the reading matter and news of today is science that unless we have made a special effort to keep up with new discoveries and inventions, we adults, school children of a past generation, are at a loss to comprehend large portions of it. Our children are living in this same scientific environment and in many ways are better able to cope with it than we. These children have been trained, we hope, in developing attitudes and understandings — a way of thinking.

Four steps are considered by which pupils may achieve openmindedness through science: building desirable values, creating good climate, thinking critically, and

making decisions. The third step seems essential to any scientific program as we believe the stages in the critical thinking process are: 1. Select and clarify the problem. 2. Locate and collect evidence. 3. Organize the data. 4. Draw a conclusion. 5. Test the conclusion through action. We believe our science courses offer such a program. Because it is new with us I am using enough space in this article to outline our science program.

Topics Used in Grade Six Science Program

Animals need food for energy and growth.

How sound is produced and conducted.

The place of the earth in the universe.

Some minerals important to man.

Forecasting the weather.

Enemies and friends of health.

Conservation of wildlife.

Water birds — Their adaptations & habits.

The value of air to man.

Water on the earth.

Magnetic and electrical energy.

Community health.

Unit Outline for Science in Grade Seven

Unit One. Science in Our Lives

1. What is science and what has it done for us?

Unit two. The World of Water.

1. Is water necessary to life?
2. What is water?
3. How do we get the water we need?
4. How do we use water in our work?

Unit three. The World of Air.

1. How does air behave?
2. What is air?
3. What are the differences between good and and bad air?

Unit four. The World of Rock.

1. What is rock?
2. What is soil?

Unit five. The World of Living Creatures.

1. What is the business of living?
2. What is the web of life?
3. How are creatures fitted for the life they lead?
4. What part does food play in our lives?
5. How does man fit into the web of life?

Unit six. What Is Energy and How Do We Use It?

Science Outline for Grade Eight.

Unit one. The Changing Sky.

1. What are the stars?
2. What is the solar system?
3. What is the moon?

Unit two. The Changing Air.

1. What is the drama of weather?
2. How does the weatherman study the weather?
3. What is the nature of the weather in North America?

Unit three. The Changing World.

1. How do the changing seasons affect plants?
2. How do the changing seasons affect animals?
3. How are plants and animals adapted for life in the desert?
4. How are plants and animals adapted for life in the oceans?
5. How is man adapted for the life he leads?

Unit four. The Changing Landscape.

1. What forces are tearing down the lands?
2. What forces are building up the lands?
3. What kinds of plants and animals lived in in the past?

Unit five. Our Life in the Changing World.

1. How do our bodies use energy?
2. What is health?

Unit six. Conservation in the Changing World.

1. How can we save our plant and animal resources?
2. How can we save our minerals and soils?
3. How can we save our increasing production?

The talk given by Mr. Arthur Jenkins at the December meeting of the Parent-Teachers Council has served to focus added attention to our reading program. In teaching reading we aim to teach children to read well and to love to read, for unless they learn to read well children will not love to read and vice versa.

The child from the beginning must read naturally and freely. He must relax as naturally as an adult does when he takes up his favorite book or newspaper. Good natural reading requires a properly balanced and unified array of techniques. It needs a highly co-ordinated unity of skills. Yet the test of success in teaching reading is not how well the pupil can perform in any of the component skills but how well he really reads and how much he enjoys doing it.

We are having excellent results using the reading system as explained by Mr. Jenkins. We extend an invitation to all parents to visit any of the reading classes

in order that they may realize how far we have progressed in the teaching techniques of reading.

Our reference library has grown until we are now able to assure students authoritative background material in many fields. Volumes added since the beginning of the school year include biographies of James Fenimore Cooper Wilbur & Orville Wright and Juliette Low, The Encyclopedia Americana, 1951 edition, and The Books of Popular Science. This is a 10 volume set dealing with the story of all things and their world plus modern discoveries and progress of science. Other source books are Rocks and their stories, Our F. B. I., Photography for Teen Ages and The White Continent.

We are glad to welcome members of the Parent-Teachers Council as members of our staff. The Council voted to furnish the school dental clinic with assistants. This they have done. It is this type of association between school and parents that enables us to better care for the **whole child**.

On June 14, 1951, 30 pupils received certificates at an impressive commencement program. All 30 have enrolled this fall in some higher educational venture. This is a good record and in a measure signifies that your grade schools are adequately preparing pupils to continue their studies.

We have had the highest type of support and cooperation from all people connected with the schools — parents, pupils, teachers, and school authorities. Therefore, to all, I take this means of saying "Thanks."

RAYMOND N. JENNESS

Principal of Center School

CENTER ELEMENTARY GRADUATION — 1951

PROGRAM

Scripture	Richard Cechvala
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	Gr. 6, 7, 8
Song of the Skylark	Gr. 6, 7, 8
Welcome	Ronald Barrett
Life of Oliver Smith	Stephanie Majeski
The Founder of Smith Charities	Jean Klocko
The Life of Austin & Sophia Smith	Phyllis Baceski
Miss Sophia's Legacy	Kathleen Deinlein
Sweet Molly-O	Gr. 6, 7, 8
In the Time of Roses	Gr. 6, 7, 8
Presentation of Library Awards	
Mrs. Theresa Godin	
Presentation of Penmanship Awards	
Principal Raymond Jenness	
Presentation of Diplomas	
Superintendent Gordon Getchell	
Robert C. Byrne, M.D., Chairman, School Committee	
Class Song	Class of '51
Star Spangled Banner	All

GRADUATES

Baceski, Phyllis	Merriam, Edward
Barrett, Ronald	Pitchko, Helen
Barsh, Gerald	Porada, Frances
Billings, Judith Ann	Raffa, Michael

Breor, Carol
Byrne, Robert
Cechvala, Richard
Cybulski, Phyllis
Deinlein, Kathleen
Duga, Ethel
Dugal, Eugene
Klocko, Jean
Kukucka, Paul
Kugler, Stella
Majeski, Stephanie

Raffa, Peter
Romanowski, Jane
Romanowski, Joan
Sadoski, Charles
Sadoski, Donald
Schlitz, Stanley
Start, Margaret
Wells, Jean
Wolass, Lorraine
Zagrodnik, Patricia
Zgrodnik, Patrick

Penmanship Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in the Hatfield schools for the school year of 1950-1951.

In the initial handwriting tests administered to your pupils in November 1946, 15.3% received a grade of "A" (Excellent); and 22.9% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 61.7% scored less than "B". In the tests administered in June 1951, 97% of your pupils received a grade of "A"; 2% received a grade of "B"; and 1% scored less than "B". Handwriting certificates were awarded to 100% of your graduates.

During the school year we graded approximately 2,270 formal and 6,800 informal handwriting samples for your pupils. A formal test was administered monthly and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in her room.

We furnished the following instructional materials: monthly teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates for pupils who qualified, monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc.

My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received from you and your teachers at all times. We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

W. L. RINEHART,
Penmanship Supervisor.

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Hatfield:

It is of value to think of Health as the condition that makes possible the highest enjoyment of life, the constructive achievement that shows itself in the best service to the world and mankind.

For youth the first knowledge is the ability to note the value of the scientific factors that help to build up resistance to infections that destroy normal health. Health is a science and as such should be studied carefully and practiced intelligently. Good mental and physical habits should extend from early youth to old age if one expects to enjoy the full reaction of normal living.

All youth should pay attention to good posture, proper diet, good eating habits, exercises, sleep, rest, recreation, and cleanliness.

The modern school program is a splendid factor enabling students to enjoy activities that create pleasure in normal habits of living and thinking. The practice and teaching of disease prevention is a definite factor in the Health Program. The parents and children are very cooperative in the program. Several boys and girls attended Camp Hodgkins during vacation and enjoyed the splendid health program and activities.

The schools appreciate the service given by the Hampshire County Health Association and the Red Cross for many factors that help the Health Program. This service covered the following: Pupils receiving Visual Correction 10; Tonsillectomy, 4; Dental Correction, 21.

Immunization Report

Triple Injections, Complete—6 children

Triple Injections, Incomplete—5 children

Booster Injections, Pre-school—10 children

Grade 1—25

Grade 5—15

Grade 2—12

Grade 6—16

Grade 3—1p

Grade 7—14

Grade 4—3

Grade 8—25

X-Ray Clinic—January 23, 1951

Students: Boys-Negative 22

Girls-Negative 24

Teachers: Negative 17

Lunch room: Negative 4

Janitors: Negative 2

School bus drivers: Negative 4

Dr. Kaiser, School Physician, Negative

Mr. Getchell, Superintendent, Negative

Marian Holmes, R.N., School Nurse, Negative

My sincere appreciation is extended to the school physicians, teachers, and parents for their cooperation in the school health program.

MARIAN HOLMES, R.N.

School Nurse

Vocational Agricultural Department

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

It is a pleasure for me to submit my first report concerning the Hatfield Vocational Agricultural program.

It is my strong conviction and philosophy that my basic duty as an instructor is to help in the development of stronger rural leadership which in turn instills those qualities which are so necessary in intelligent, honest citizenship.

The Future Farmers of America, a national organization, established to provide leadership training, individual development, and other activities for boys enrolled in Vocational Agriculture, is the instrument through which instructor and pupils work together for a better vocational program.

At a round table discussion at the beginning of each year a Program of Work is equally decided upon by my students and me. Our Program for the year 1950-51 included the following activities and outstanding results:

1. Activity—Supervised Farming.
Result: 100% participation with a total tangible productivity from ownership projects and other supervised work of \$12,151.82.
2. Activity—Cooperation and Community Service.
Results: Purchase of a spray rig through a cooperative selling venture, resulting in a community service to 42 families by an apple tree spraying program.

Testing soil and milk samples.

Measurement and mapping of 81 acres of land in the community.

Treatment of poultry flocks for control of coccidiosis.

\$370 of productive farm shop work.

Care and maintenance of athletic field with tractor acquired during year.

3. Activity—Leadership.

Results: 1st place in Eastern States Egg Judging Contest.

Member of State team for NEPPCo Egg Judging Contest—Harrisburg, Pa..

Members in final eliminations for State Poultry and Vegetable Teams.

1st place in Western Massachusetts District Public Speaking Contest.

97% participation in F.F.A. leadership training school at University of Massachusetts.

4. Activity—Scholarship.

Results: Awarded bronze medals for outstanding achievement in scholarship and soil and water management. Medals given to department by State from F.F.A. Foundation.

5. Activity—Recreation.

Results: Annual outing to Look Park at close of school year.

The credit for the continued development of our Vo-Ag Department goes first to "my boys." However, nothing would be possible without the combined, kindly cooperation of the superintendent, principal, teachers, and parents of our community.

GEORGE C. FEIKER

Instructor

School Savings Representative

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the Hatfield School Committee:

Another year has passed, and again I am pleased to report on your School Savings program in Hatfield.

As you know, this program is conducted by the three Mutual Savings Banks—Nonotuck Savings Bank, Florence Savings Bank and Northampton Institution for Savings.

The first bank day in Hatfield was May 23, 1950, and since then banking has continued each Tuesday—with the exception of the last Tuesday of each month which has been reserved for transferring money to regular savings accounts.

There are now 218 accounts in Hatfield. This includes Center School and the Freshmen and Sophomore classes in Smith Academy. Children attending the School Street School begin banking each year in January.

The sum banked by school children last year—from September 1950 to June 1951—was \$2,989.96. The amount transferred to regular savings accounts was \$2,932.00.

You may note that my report last year included a part of the same period as this report; inasmuch as, there were only two banking days in May 1950 and banking resumed at the beginning of the school year in September 1950—the report ending December 1950. This report

begins, as stated above, September 1950 and ends June 1951.

The percentage of participation for the entire year was 41.3. This is a somewhat lower figure than reported last time, but of course, it covers a longer period.

We appreciate all that Mr. Jenness has done for us in helping to aid our School Banking program in Hatfield. Mr. Jenness is tremendously interested in it and co-operates in every way he possibly can to further the program.

We should also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their enthusiasm and cooperation. It is our hope that the children will realize, more and more, the benefits to be derived from thrift and saving and that they will make a habit of banking each week.

VIOLETTE S. CONNORS

School Savings Representative

School Dental Clinic

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

The dental clinic for the Hatfield schools was carried on this year after a lapse of a few years. The teeth of the children in the grade school were examined on October 23, 1951. The dental clinic has been operating since that time, each Tuesday that school has been in session.

The Parent-Teachers Council voted to supply assistants for this clinic. The following ladies have been of great value in keeping the records and mothering some of the younger patients. Those who have assisted thus far are Mrs. Francis Godin, Mrs. Joseph Baceski, Mrs. Peter Novak, and Mrs. George Pfeiffer.

As of Tuesday, January 15, 1952, the clinic has completed 163 operations in the following manner:

Cleaning	27
Fillings	99
Extractions	32
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Total	163

GLADE P. HALL, D.M.D.

School Dentist

Physical Director

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Physical Education in the Public Schools of Hatfield.

PLAY AND MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

Probably there is no better method in our physical education program for the development of good wholesome mental attitudes than the utilization of games, competitive sports contests, relays, etc., to answer the immediate desires of our students. Unquestionably, this interest in fun-giving situations satisfies their fundamental needs for mental and physical health.

Your Supervisor has noticed that in his experience with "gym" classes there are conditions in the daily school program which have a direct bearing on each student's mental health. Perhaps the most common of these conditions is school room fatigue. The monotony of sitting still in a classroom is very tiring to an active boy and girl. The physical education program, therefore, affords each student an opportunity to offset these school room conditions and the tensions developed through physical activity—perhaps not too strenuous. At any rate, it fulfills the student's personal desire and satisfaction; at the same time, it invariably influences the students in the development of more efficient habits and new interests and attitudes. The writer has witnessed a very marked development over the past few years in the physical and mental

attitudes of each student so that a well-rounded-out personality is the result. Perhaps, in a small measure, this is derived from physical education. Paramount to all other objectives is the concept of fair play among all the students which eventually leads toward better sportsmanship and good character traits. A noticeable example of this type of behavior is our splendid basketball team.

CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

As will be noted, the writer has been interested in applying fundamental techniques in the teaching of the various sports in conjunction with a limited variety of other activities offered to the students in the grammar school, with the hope that they may develop mastery of individual skills and attain new ones by the time they reach high school.

CLASSES MEETING FOR ONE 45 MINUTE PERIOD PER WEEK

FALL-WINTER-AND SPRING SEASONS

Boys

1. Examinations and organization
2. Free exercise-calisthenics and conditioning
3. Touch football
4. Soccer
5. Health instruction
6. Running
7. Basketball
8. Softball
9. Track and field
10. Relay games

Girls

1. Examination and organization
2. Posture and calisthenics
3. Rhythms
4. Soccer
5. Health instruction—formal rules
6. Track and field—high jump, etc.
7. Softball

HIGH SCHOOL

Classes Meeting for Two 45 Minute Periods Per Week

Boys

1. Examination and organization
2. Free exercises—calisthenics, conditioning
3. Touch football
4. Soccer techniques-advanced
5. Volley soccer
6. Basketball-advanced
7. Softball-hardball-advanced
8. Track and field
9. Volley ball (indoors)
10. Running-sprints, etc.

Girls

1. Examination and organization
2. Posture and conditioning
3. Soccer
4. Basketball-advanced
5. Softball-advanced
6. Badminton
7. Elementary tumbling
8. Formal rules in competitive sports
9. Pyramid building

INTERCLASS GAMES (TOURNAMENT)

Since the writer has had considerable success with this type of activity in order to close out the winter season a proposed tournament (badminton for girls-basketball for boys) will again be conducted. Much benefit is derived from these games. Many boys and girls who are unable to make the J.V. or Varsity teams have an opportunity of playing with them. This type of competition serves as an aid in developing sportsmanship co-operation, serves as an aid in developing sportsmanship, co-operation, a spirit of friendliness as well as many other desirable attitudes.

JOHN F. SYMANCYK

Physical Director.

Supervisor of Music

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

I hereby present a report of our music program.

The first five grades are visited weekly for a half-hour period each, and the sixth, seventh and eighth grades have a forty-five minute period each, every week with the supervisor.

One of the natural heritages of the child is the love of music and it is our duty to guide and develop this phase of child life. Melody, rhythm, and harmony are the fundamentals to be developed. We should stress carefully little details that we may do the important things intelligently and correctly; namely, pitch, which involves pianos well tuned, posture, breathing, enunciation, and the understanding of melody, rhythm and harmony.

We are introducing again Rhythm Bands in the First and Second Grades in hopes that it may lead to a fine orchestra as we had sometime ago.

May I here insert a fervent plea for more and varied instrumental study by the pupils in the grades. It is wisest to start the child in instrumental study just as early as possible that it may grow up with the child. Having music in the homelife of the child is as important as any phase. If we expect little, we get less but expect a great deal and sometimes we are amazed at what we do get.

We have prepared and presented the usual programs and the children have been most co-operative and a joy to work with.

We are indeed proud of the result of our new venture in the Junior High, that is, our part taken in the May Festival held in Palmer. The group spent much time in earnest rehearsing. Mr. Getchell and the school officials were most splendid in their interest and backing by furnishing music materials and transportation; also, the three teachers who accompanied us. All concerned felt deep satisfaction in receiving the splendid rating given our students.

It is a great pity that part of this group who did so much to make the festival and programs which followed moments of great beauty and pleasure did not realize how much they could do to build the choral club in Smith Academy and develop in themselves an esthetic side of life by continuing music in the High School. However, we have a goodly number of Freshmen girls in the club.

This is the first year in a great many that we do not have a strong Boys' Glee Club in Smith Academy.

The Choral Club prepared and presented programs for school affairs. They also have done very creditable work. At the festival in Palmer they did some very nice work and conducted themselves in a very praiseworthy manner. You parents can surely be very proud of all the students. I would like to say however that the work of this group really improved wonderfully during the last month of the school year and proved that they were a great credit to themselves and Smith Academy.

Owing to a change in the program in the fall term, vacations and holidays coming when they did, we have not been able to get in many visits, having a period only once in two weeks.

In summing up, I would say that satisfactory results and confidence can only be obtained by gradual development over a long period wherein groups can become familiar with material and can sing without tension which is apt to result from rushing many "sings" in a short period.

We have in our Hatfield schools an unusual number of very fine voices and I feel justified in saying that the great majority of our young people love music in some form but need much interest and encouragement along constructive lines.

In December we enjoyed a concert by a group of string instrument players and one woodwind furnished through the courtesy of the Northampton Musicians Union. The students also enjoyed singing a group of Christmas carols accompanied by this group.

In closing I wish to express deepest appreciation to Mr. Getchell, the School Committee, and those principals and teachers who by their interest and co-operation have made teaching in Hatfield a great pleasure.

MAUDE E. BOYLE

Supervisor of Music

Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

My reports in the past have concerned themselves chiefly with certain aspects of the work that has been done in the year previous to the writing of the report. These reports have invariably been in an optimistic vein for progress in many forms has been noted each year.

Some may wonder if there will not be an end to this progress, if students will not reach a bar of accomplishment beyond which they will be unable to work effectively. There need not be such a levelling off if administrators, supervisors, and teachers are constantly on the alert for new and better techniques, methods and ideas which will in turn be a real challenge to the pupil.

In this report, my fifth since assuming the duties of your art supervisor, I should like to dwell briefly upon two of the weaker spots in our art program and suggest some possible remedies for these deficiencies.

To be taught at a high level of efficiency art should probably be taught in a special art room, a room to which each class would go in proper turn for its art lesson, a room designed and equipped for the specific purpose of art instruction. It is obvious that such a room is an impossibility in the present Hatfield school system. It seems to me, however, that many projects such as those using clay, cement, wood, and metal could be introduced if the new basement room could house a class working on such pro-

jects. Our present art program is weaker in craft work than I like it to be and I believe the occasional use of this space would definitely strengthen the whole art course.

The Center School also lacks sufficient exhibition space for the proper display of student work whether it be art work or work in any other subject. There are several plans available in Art Education publications concerning the use of corridors as exhibition galleries and I believe that this aspect of our program should be given serious consideration.

These two projects are, in my estimation, the most urgent ones and should be given first consideration. In the future the possibilities of introducing art in Smith Academy and re-adjusting the Supervisor's schedule to better fit everchanging needs might also be considered.

In concluding this report I should once again like to thank you, Mr. Getchell, the members of the school committee, the principal, and all of the teachers for your continued support of Art in Hatfield.

RICHARD E. GABEL

Supervisor of Art

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1951-1952

 Smith Academy

	Yrs. of Exp. in Exp. Hatfield	
John Jakobek, A.B., M.A. (U of M., West State, Union), Principal, Algebra I, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Solid Geometry, Guidance	9	8
Russell Bastin, A.B. (St. Anselm's College), Basketball Coach, U. S. History, English, Business Training, General Mathematics	2	1
George C. Feiker, B.S. (Univ. of Mass.), Agriculture, Shop	3	2
Florence Muller, A.B. (Wheaton College), Coach, World History, French I,II, Plane Geometry, Latin I	17	9
Margaret Pruzynski (McCarthy Business College), Typing, Shorthand, Book-keeping	16	16
Mary E. Ryan, A.B. (Smith College), English, Dramatics	32	31
Mary A. Spakowski, B.S. (Univ. of Mass.), Biology, Home Economics	4	4
John Symancyk, B.S., Ass't Prin., Coach, Phys. Ed., Prob. of Democracy, General Science, Physics	6	6

Center School

Raymond N. Jenness, B.S. Ed., M.S. Ed. (Bridgewater Teachers, U. of M.), Principal, General Science	21	16
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Martha Boyle, (North Adams Normal), Grade 2	21	12
Dorothy B. Breor, B.S. Ed. (Bridgewater Teachers College), English, Grade 6, 7, 8	11	11
Mary D. Donelson, (Framingham Normal), Grade 3	36	34
Hilda C. Fortsch, (Framingham Normal), Grade 4	10	10
Jean T. Kempisty, B.S. Ed. (Wesfield Teachers College), Math, Grade 6, 7, 8	13	13
Sarah V. Kiley, (Westfield Normal), His- tory, Geography, Grade 6, 7, 8	44	43
Constance B. Mullany, (Smith Academy), Grade 5	35	35

School Street School

Sophie Filipkowski, (North Adams Teach- ers College), Grade I	9	4
Lena P. Fitzgerald (North Adams Nor- mal), Grade 1	37	37

Superintendent of Schools

Gordon C. Getchell, B.S. Ed., M.S. Ed. (Salem Teachers, Boston Univ.)	12	2
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

HENRY F. LONG
COMMISSIONER

FRANCIS X. LANG
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

February 6, 1952

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Henry S. Bokina, Chairman

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Genlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1951, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, and the payments were compared with the approved treasury warrants. The departmental accounts receivable were checked with the records of the departments committing the bills and with the treasurer's books. The appropriations, transfers, and loan orders voted by the town were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and were checked with the amounts credited to the appropriation accounts. A balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1951.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources

from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the board of selectmen, and the cash balance on January 23, 1952 was proved by reconciliaion of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes, Blue Cross, and he contributory retirement fund were checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue, the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., and the county treasurer were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on January 23, 1952 were proved with the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked wih the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

It is again urged that immediate action be taken to bring about a settlement of the overdue taxes.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the

town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on January 23, 1952 was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the clerk, town treasurer, and tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The recorded receipts for licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen were checked with the records of licenses and permits granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined. The recorded receipts were checked with the record of fees charged and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the inspector of slaughtering and the tree warden, of the public welfare, veterans' services, school, and cemeery departments were examined. The charges were listed and compared with the commitments reported to the accountant, the recorded receipts and abatements were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The recorded receipts of the school department for school lunches, the high school athletic program, and the dental clinic were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the wwater department were examined. The charges for the sale of water and for water services were added and compared with the accountant's record of commitments, the recorded collections and abatements were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The tax and water accounts outstanding were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1951,	\$81,869.55	
Receipts 1951,	482,572.33	
		\$564,441.88

Payments 1951,	\$454,950.01	
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Error in entering receipts 1950:

Federal Grant-Old age assistance- administration,	2.00	
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Balance December 31, 1951,	109,489.87	
		\$564,441.88

Balance January 1, 1952,	\$109,489.87	
Receipts January 1 to 23, 1952,	25,845.60	
		\$135,335.47

Payments January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$7,078.18	
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Balance January 23, 1952:

Cash in office, verified,	\$4,596.49	
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First National Bank, Northampton,	123,660.80	
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	128,257.29	
		\$135,335.47

First National Bank, Northampton

Balance January 23, 1952, per statement,	\$127,105.69	
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Balance January 23, 1952, per check book,	\$123,660.80	
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Outstanding checks January 23, 1952, per list,	3,444.89	
		\$127,105.69

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**Federal Taxes**

Deductions 1951,	\$6,578.85
Payments to Collector of Internal Revenue 1951,	\$6,578.85
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Deductions January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$373.20
Balance January 23, 1952,	\$373.20
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County Retirement System

Deductions 1951,	\$1,178.19
Payments to county treasurer 1951,	\$1,178.19
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Deductions January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$51.88
Balance January 23, 1952,	\$51.88
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Blue Cross

Deductions 1951,	\$1,215.15
Payments to Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., 1951,	\$1,215.15
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Deductions January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$109.55
Balance January 23, 1952,	\$109.55
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RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Csh balances January 23, 1952, per tables:

Taxes 1947—real estate,	\$27.20
Taxes 1948—poll,	4.00
personal property,	99.00
Taxes 1949—poll,	2.00

Taxes 1950—poll,	4.00
Taxes 1951—poll,	12.00
personal property,	29.70
real estate,	801.08

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1948,	34.56
1949,	62.80
1950,	4.42
1951,	184.79

Interest and costs on taxes and excise, 14.01

\$1,279.56

Cash on hand Jnuary 23, 1952, verified,

\$1,279.56

POLL TAXES—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1951,	\$8.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$4.00
Outstanding eember 31, 1951,	4.00
	\$8.00

Outstanding January 1, 1952,	\$4.00
Payments to treasurer January 1	
to 23, 1952,	\$2.00
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	2.00
	\$4.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1951,	\$3.06
Abatements 1951,	\$3.06

REAL ESTATE TAES—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1951,	\$5.10
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$5.10

POLL TAXES—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$44.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$4.00	
Abatements 1951,	14.00	
Outstanding ecrement 31, 1951,	26.00	
		\$44.00

Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$26.00
Payments to treasurer		
January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$4.00	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	4.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	18.00	
		\$26.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$200.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$23.20	
Abatements 1951,	1.92	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	174.88	
		\$200.00

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$174.88
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$154.40	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	20.48	
		\$174.88

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$753.63
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$595.20	
Abatements 1951,	48.00	
Outstanding ecember 31, 1951,	110.43	
		\$753.63
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Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$110.43
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$15.40	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	67.83	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	27.20	
		\$110.43
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POLL TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$114.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$8.00	
Outstanding ecember 31, 1951,	106.00	
		\$114.00
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Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$106.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$6.00	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	20.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	76.00	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	4.00	
		\$106.00
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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$453.09
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$25.00	
Outstanding eember 31, 1951,	428.09	
		\$453.09
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Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$428.09
Payments to treasurer January 1		
to 23, 1952,	\$27.72	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,	301.37	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	99.00	
		\$428.09
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REAL ESTATE TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$1,392.14
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$593.66	
Abaements 1951,	49.50	
Outstanding eember 31, 1951,	748.98	
		\$1,392.14
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Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$748.98
Payments to treasurer January 1		
o 23, 1952,	\$52.80	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	696.18	
		\$748.98
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POLL TAXES—1949

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$328.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$10.00	
Outstanding eember 31, 1951,	308.00	
		\$328.00
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Oustanding January 1, 1952,		\$308.00
Payments to treasurer January 1		
to 23, 1952,	\$8.00	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	94.00	
Oustanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	204.00	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	2.00	
		<u>\$308.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1949

Oustanding January 1, 1951,		\$717.28
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$64.00	
Oustanding ecember 31, 1951,	653.28	
		<u>\$717.28</u>
Oustanding January 1, 1952,		\$653.28
Pyments to treasurer January 1		
to 23, 1952,	\$31.36	
Oustanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	621.92	
		<u>\$653.28</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1949

Oustanding January 1, 1951,	\$3,073.60	
Abatement after payment 1951,		
refunded,	6.40	
		\$3,080.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$1,672.00	
Abatements 1951,	188.80	
Oustanding December 31, 1951,	1,219.20	
		<u>\$3,080.00</u>

Outstanding Janding 1, 1952,		\$1,219.20
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$16.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	1,203.20	
		<u>\$1,219.20</u>

POLL TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$606.00
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$142.00	
Abatements 1951,	208.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	256.00	
		<u>\$606.00</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$256.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$4.00	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	60.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	188.00	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	4.00	
		<u>\$256.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1951,		\$2,413.97
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$1,423.05	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	990.92	
		<u>\$2,413.97</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$990.92
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$213.28	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	777.64	
		<u>\$990.92</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1951,	\$27,668.84	
Abatements after payment refund- ed 1951,	68.20	
		\$27,737.04
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$21,862.77	
Abatements 1951,	68.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	5,806.07	
		<u>\$27,737.04</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$5,806.07
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$2,276.30	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	3,529.77	
		\$5,806.07

POLL TAXES—1951

Commitment per warrant,	\$1,440.00	
Abatement after payment refunded,	2.00	
Poll taxes 1951 entered as motor vehicle and trailer excise 1951,	136.00	
Abatements cancelled 1951,	8.00	
		\$1,586.00

Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$966.00	
Abatements 1951,	310.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	310.00	
		\$1,586.00
		<u><u> </u></u>
Outstanding January 1, 1952,		\$310.00
Payments to treasurer January 1		
to 23, 1952,	\$52.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	246.00	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	12.00	
		\$310.00
		<u><u> </u></u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1951

Commntment per warrant,	\$14,248.08	
Abatement after payment re-		
funded 1951,	216.48	
		\$14,464.56
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$11,003.36	
Abatements 1951,	620.73	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	2,840.47	
		\$14,464.56
		<u><u> </u></u>
Outstanding January 1, 1952,	\$2,840.47	
Audit adjustment:		
Error in entering commitment,	.04	
		\$2,840.51
Payments to treasurer January 1		
to 23, 1952,	\$787.74	
Outstanding January 23, 1952,		
per list,	2,023.07	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	29.70	
		\$2,840.51
		<u><u> </u></u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1951

Commitment per warrant,	\$101,134.94	
Additional commitment,	61.05	
Abatement after payment refunded,	494.17	
Overpayment to treasurer refunded,	79.80	
		\$101,769.96
Payments to treasurer 1951,	\$72,562.48	
Abatements 1951,	1,851.63	
Outstanding December 31, 1951,	27,355.85	
		\$101,769.96
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Outstanding January 1, 1952,	\$27,355.85	
Audit adjustment:		
Error in entering commitment,	.10	
		\$27,355.95
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952,	\$9,240.79	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952,	66.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list,	17,248.08	
Cash balance January 23, 1952,	801.08	
		\$27,355.95
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MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1951		\$14.02
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$6.83	
Abatements 1951	2.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	5.19	
		\$14.02
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Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$5.19
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952		\$5.19
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MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1951		\$228.81
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$58.16	
Abatements 1951	140.15	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	30.50	
		\$228.81

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$30.50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23 1952	\$4.00	
Optstanding January 23, 1952, per list	26.50	
		\$30.50

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1948

Oustanding January 1, 1951		\$441.51
Payments to treasurerJ 1951	\$51.23	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	360.28	
		\$411.51

Oustanding January 1, 1952		.. \$360.28
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list	\$325.72	
Cash balance January 23, 1952	34.56	
		\$360.28

' MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1994

Outstanding January 1, 1951		\$934.10
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$152.73	
Optstanding December 31, 1951	781.37	
		\$934.10

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$781.37
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$107.61
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list	610.96
Cash balance January 23, 1952	63.80
	<u>\$781.37</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$4,198.38
Commitment per warrant	90.70
Abatement after payment refunded	79.18
	\$4,368.26
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$2,753.90
Abatements 1951	173.71
Outstanding December 31, 1951	1,440.65
	<u>\$4,368.26</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$1,440.65
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$166.47
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list	1,269.76
Cash balance January 23, 1952	4.42
	<u>\$1,440.65</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1951

Commitment per warrants	\$21,826.64
Abatements after payment refunded	\$514.33
Error in reporting abatements	2.43
	<u>\$22,343.40</u>

Payments to treasurer 1951	\$14,336.75	
Abatements 1951	773.08	
Poll taxes 1951 entered as motor vehicle and trailer excise 1951	136.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	7,097.57	
		<u>\$22,343.40</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$7,097.57	
Commitment January 1 to 23, 1952 per warrant	1,202.70	
Abatements after payment January 1 to 23, 1952:		
Refunded	\$1.28	
To be refunded	4.99	
Audit adjustment	6.27	
Error in reporting abatements	.08	
		\$8,306.62
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$1,673.87	
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952	1,949.21	
Outstanding January 23, 1952 per list	4,498.75	
Cash balance January 23, 1952	174.79	
		<u>\$8,306.62</u>

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES AND EXCISE

Collections January 1, 1951 to
January 23, 1952:

Interest:

Taxes:

Levy of 1946	\$.80
Levy of 1947	33.43
Levy of 1948	32.52
Levy of 1949	38.37

Levy of 1950	221.72
Levy of 1951	77.03

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1946	\$1.11
Levy of 1947	3.77
Levy of 1948	4.90
Levy of 1949	3.66
Levy of 1950	6.03
Levy of 1951	2.33

\$425.67

Costs:

Taxes:

Levy of 1947	\$.35
Levy of 1948	.35
Levy of 1949	.35

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1947	\$2.10
Levy of 1948	.70
Levy of 1949	.70

4.55

\$430.22

Payments to treasurer:

1951:

Interest	\$329.62
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January 1 to 23, 1952:

Interest	082.39
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Cost	.35
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82.74

Costs retained:

1951:	\$2.45
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January 1 to 23, 1952	1.40
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3.85

Cash balance January 23, 1952:

Interest \$13.66

Cost .35

14.01

\$430.222**SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Licenses granted but unissued

January 1, 1951:

Milk \$1.00

Licenses granted 1951:

Liquor \$4.950.00

Special malt 35.00

Junk 32.00

Auto dealer 125.00

Sale of firearms 3.00

Auctioneer 7.00

Cabin 4.00

Slaughter 1.00

Common victualler 10.00

Sunday sales 12.00

Gasoline 4.00

Pin-ball machine 54.00

Entertainment 63.00

Milk 3.50

Oleomargarine 1.00

5,304.50

\$5.305.50

Payments to treasurer 1951

\$5.304.50

License cancelled 1951

1.00

\$5.305.50

Licenses graned January 1 to 23,
1952:

Entertainment	\$13.75
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Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$13.75
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TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1951

Male, 67 @ \$2.00	\$134.00
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Female, 9 @ \$5.00	45.00
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Spayed female, 42 @ \$2.00	84.00
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Kennel, 1 @ \$25.00	25.00
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\$288.00

Payments to treasurer 1951	\$262.40
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Fees retained 1951, 119 @ \$.20	23.80
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Cash balance December 31, 1951	1.80
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\$288.00

Cash balance January 1, 1952	\$1.80
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Licenses issued January 1 to 23,
1952:

Male, 1 @ \$2.00	2.00
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Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$1.80
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Cash on hand January 23, 1952, xerified	2.00
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\$3.80

TOWN CLERK

Sporting Licenses

Cash balance January 1, 1951	\$5.00
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Licenses issued 1951:

Resident citizens':

Fishing, 130 @ \$2.00	\$260.00
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Hunting 55 @ \$2.00	110.00
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Sporting 135 @ \$3.25	438.75
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Minor and female

fishing 45 @ \$1.25	56.25
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Minor trapping, 6 @ \$2.25	13.50
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Trapping, 9 @ \$5.25	47.25
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Non-resident citizens':

Special fishing, 1 @ \$1.50	1.50
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Fishing, 5 @ \$5.25	26.25
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Duplicate, 3 @ \$.50	1.50
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	955.00
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	\$960.00
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Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1951	\$863.50
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Fees retained 1951, 386 @ \$.25	96.50
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	\$960.00
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Licenses issued January 1 to 23, 1952:

Resident citizens':

Fishing, 19 @ \$3.25	\$61.75
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Hunting, 3 @ \$3.25	9.75
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Sporting, 53 @ \$5.25	278.25
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Trapping, 2 @ \$5.25	10.50
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Non-resident citizens':

Fishing, 1 @ \$7.75	7.75
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	\$368.00
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Cash on hand January 23, 1952, verified	\$368.00
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Gasoline Storage Permit Renewals

Permits issued 1951		\$7.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$5.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1951		
and January 23, 1952, verified	1.50	
		\$7.00

TOWN HALL RENTAL

Charges 1951		\$300.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$250.00	
Cash balance December 31, 1951	50.00	
		\$300.00
Cash balance January 1, 1952	\$50.00	
Charges January 1 to 23, 1952	40.00	
		\$90.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$50.00	
Cash on hand January 23, 1952, verified	40.00	
		\$90.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance January 1, 1951	\$22.50	
Fees collected 1951	173.35	
		\$195.85
Payments to treasurer 1951		\$195.85

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT**Accounts Receivable**

Commitment 1951		\$6.00
Outstanding December 31, 1951		\$6.00

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$6.00	
Commitment January 1 to 23, 1952	6.00	
		\$11.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952		\$11.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Slaughter Inspectors Fees—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$46.50	
Commitment 1951	228.50	
		\$275.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$229.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	46.00	
		\$275.00
Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$46.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$26.50	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list	19.50	
		\$46.00

DENTAL CLINIC

Collections 1951	\$128.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$128.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Oustanding January 1, 1951	\$13.75	
Commitmtnt 1951	159.89	
		\$173.64
Payments to treasurer 1951		\$173.64

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT**Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable**

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$548.40	
Commitment 1951	469.95	
		\$1,018.35
Payments to treasurer 1951		\$1,018.35

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$722.15	
Commitment 1951	1,785.18	
		\$2,507.32
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$1,979.83	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	527.49	
		\$2,507.32

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$527.49	
Commitment January 1 to 23, 1952	139.64	
		\$667.13
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list		\$667.13

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**Accounts Receivable**

Commitment 1951		\$6,844.64
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$6,844.94	
Disallowance	12.47	
Field audit	39.23	
		\$6,896.64

VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT**Veterans' Farm Training—Accounts Receivable**

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$17.55	
Commitment 1951	93.63	\$111.18
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$95.56	
Outstanding December 31, 1951	15.62	\$111.18
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Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$15.62
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$8.97	
Outstanding January 23, 1952, per list	6.65	\$15.62
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**Accounts Receivable**

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$176.74	
Commitment 1951	476.66	\$653.40
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$435.32	
Outstanding December 31, 1951		218.08
		\$653.40
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Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$218.08
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952		\$218.08
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School Lunch Project

Receipts 1951:

Individuals	\$6,684.26	
Federal grant	3,562.67	
		\$10,246.93

Payments to treasurer 1951		\$10,246.93
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Receipts January 1 o 23. 1952:

Individuals	\$330.90	
Federal grant	412.65	
		\$743.55

Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952		\$743.55
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School Athletic Program

Receipts 1951		\$953.24
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$923.24	
Receipts retained for change 1951	30.00	
		\$953.24

Receipts January 1 to 23, 1952	\$1,006.10	
Overpayment to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952, to be adjusted	1.00	
		\$1,007.10

Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$987.10	
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Receipts retained for change January 1 to 23, 1952	20.00	
		\$1,007.10

LIBRARY

Fines collected 1951		\$75.59
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$67.49	
Cash balance December 31, 1951	8.10	
		<u>\$75.59</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1952	\$8.10	
Fines collected January 1 to 23, 1952	9.75	
		\$17.85
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 23, 1952	\$8.10	
Cash balance January 23, 1952	9.75	
		<u>\$17.85</u>
Cash balance January 24, 1952	\$9.75	
Fines collected January 24 to 31, 1952	3.70	
		\$13.45
*Cash on hand January 31, 1952		\$13.45
		<u></u>
*Paid to treasurer January 31, 1952		

WATER DEPARTMENT**Rates**

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$2,612.56	
Commitments 1951	9,002.31	
		\$11,614.87
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$9,262.53	
Abatements 1951	190.32	
Optstanding December 31, 1951	2,162.02	
		<u>\$11,614.87</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$2,162.02
Abatements January 1 to 23, 1952	\$2.00	
Outstanding January 23, 1952	2,007.92	
Cash balance January 23, 1953	15.10	
		\$2,162.02

Optstanding January 4, 1952		\$2,160.02
Abatements January 24 to 31, 1952	\$.20	
Outstanding January 31, 1952, per list	1,908.54	
Cash on hand January 31, 1952, verified	251.28	
		\$2,160.02

Connections and Miscellaneous—Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1951	\$70.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$70.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1951	\$141.00	
Commitment 1951	369.00	
Collection in advance of com- mitment December 31, 1951	6.00	
		\$516.00
Payments to treasurer 1951	\$316.00	
Abatements 1951	52.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1951, per list	148.00	
		\$516.00

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1951	\$43.70	\$43.70
On hand December 31, 1951	\$45.08	\$45.08
On hand January 23, 1952	\$45.08	\$45.08
Receipts	Payments	

1951

Income \$1.38 Added to savings

January 1 to 23, 1952

No transactions recordedd

HATFIELD LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1951	\$732.31	\$732.31
On hand December 31, 1951	\$747.94	\$747.94
On hand January 23, 1952	\$747.94	\$747.94
Receipts	Payments	

1951Income \$15.63 Added to savings
deposits \$1.38**January 1 to 23, 1952**

No transactions recorded

HILL CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1951	\$765.29	\$765.29
On hand December 31, 1951	\$765.29	\$765.29
On hand January 23, 1952	\$765.29	\$765.29

Receipts

Payments

1951

Income	\$13.94	Transfer to town	\$13.94
January 1 to 23, 1952			
No transactions recorded			

MAIN STREET CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUND

Savings

Deposits Total

On hand January 1, 1951	\$10.00	\$10.00
On hand December 31, 1951	\$10.00	\$10.00
On hand January 23, 1952	\$10.00	\$10.00

Receipts

Payments

1951

Income	\$.20	Transfer to town	\$.20
January 1 to 23, 1952			
No transactions recorded			

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Savings

Deposits Total

On hand January 1, 1951	\$12,914.34	\$12,914.34
On hand December 31, 1951	\$13,273.09	\$13,273.09
On hand January 23, 1952	\$13,473.09	\$13,473.09

Receipts

Payments

1951

Bequests	\$350.00	Added to savings deposits	\$358.75
Income	256.57	Transfer to town	247.82
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\$606.57		\$606.57	
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January 1 to 23, 1952

Bequests	\$200.00	Added to savings deposits	\$200.00
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POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand January 1, 1951	\$10,096.15	\$96,00.00	\$106,096.15
On hand December 31, 1951	\$471.35		\$471.35
On hand January 23, 1952	\$471.35		\$471.35

Receipts

Payments

1951

Withdrawn from savings bank	\$9,624.80	Loss on securi- sold	\$3,935.00
Income	1,310.20	Transfers to town: Center School heat- ing plant	25,000.00
Securities sold	96,000.00	Water main con-	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
	\$106,935.00		\$106,935.00
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January 1 to 23, 1952

No transactions recorded

TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1951

Assets	Liabilities and Reserves
Cash	
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1946:	
Poll \$4.00	
Levy of 1947:	
Poll \$26.00	
Personal	
Prop. 174.88	
Real	
Est. 110.43	
	\$311.31
Levy of 1948:	
Poll \$106.00	
Personal	
Prop. 428.09	
Real	
Est. 748.98	
	\$109,489.87
	Overstimates:
	State Parks and Reservations
	Tax \$68.43
	County Tax 1,473.04
	Premium on Water Main Loan
	Road Machinery Fund
	Tailings
	School Lunch Fund
	High School Athletic Fund
	Federal Grants:
	Aid to Dependent Children:
	Aid \$104.29
	Administration 5.50
	Old Age Assistance:
	Assistance 1,344.68
	Administration 26.50
	Smith Hughes and George Barden
	1,541.47
	32.38
	3,790.96
	146.85
	6,946.83
	253.85

Levy of 1949:			
Poll	\$308.00		
Personal			
Prop.	653.28		
Real			
Est.	1,219.20		
		\$2,180.48	
Levy of 1950:			
Poll	\$256.00		
Personal			
Prop.	990.92		
Real			
Est.	5,806.07		
		7,052.99	
Levy of 1951:			
Poll	\$310.00		
Personal			
Prop.	2,840.47		
Real			
Est.	27,355.85		
		30,506.32	
Funds			-1,142.14
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:			2,623.11
Highway Fence	\$184.94		
Riverside Bridge	630.02		
Bridge Repairs	1,234.52		
Center School Heating System	3,426.29		
Library Building Repair	851.59		
Land Taking:			
Highways—Sunset Avenue	300.00		
Water Shed	2,800.00		
Cemeteries	300.00		
Water Main Chestnut			
Water Main Chestnut and Prospect Street	20,139.63		
Water Shed Improvement	1,076.88		
		30,943.87	
Water Available Surplus			13,926.53
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus			2,705.52
	41,338.17		

Motor Vehicle and Trailer			
Excise:			
Levy of 1946	\$5.19		\$4.00
Levy of 1947	30.50		311.31
Levy of 1948	360.28		2,180.48
Levy of 1949	781.37		3,158.53
Levy of 1950	1,440.65		4,295.16
Levy of 1951	7,097.57		9,949.48
Departmental:			
Tree Warden	\$6.00		
Slaughter Inspector	46.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	527.49		
Veterans' Services	15.62		
Schools	142.00		
Cemeteries	142.00		
Water Department:			
Rates		955.19	
Aid to Highways:			
State	\$18,147.39		
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:			
Levy of 1946			\$4.00
Levy of 1947			311.31
Levy of 1949			2,180.48
Levy of 1950			3,158.53
Levy of 1951			4,295.16
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle and Trailer			
Excise			\$9,715.56
Departmental			955.19
Water			2,162.02
State and County Aid to Highways			26,070.83
Surplus Revenue			38,903.60
			78,024.52

County	7,923.44	
Overlay Deficit:		
Levy of 1948	26,070.83	
Overdrawn Account:	49.50	
License Advertising Fees	7.83	
	<u>\$189,788.97</u>	<u>\$189,788.97</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$37,000.00	Water Main Loan	\$37,000.00
	<u></u>		<u></u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds		Firemen's Relief Fund	\$45.08
Cash and Securities	\$15,312.75	Hatfield Library Fund	747.94
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
		Main Street Cemetery General Care Fund	10.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,273.09
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	471.35
	<u>\$15,312.75</u>		<u>\$15,312.75</u>

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1952

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1952

SELECTMEN

John Cernak, Chairman

George W. Rogalewski

John J. Fortsch

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Daniel Omasta, Jr., Chairman

Mitchell W. Kempisty

John W. Mullins, Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman

Robert C. Byrne, M.D.

John Osley, Jr.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Rupert Harubin, Chairman

Henry F. Kulesza

Michael Yanginski

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chairman
 Edward S. Kowalski Henry W. Wolfram

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah V. Kiley, Chairman
 Jean Kempisty Frank T. Woodward

ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Gordon A. Woodward

TREE WARDEN

Edward Zalinski (deceased)
 Francis Godin

HATFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman
 Frank T. Woodward George W. Rogalewski
 Michael M. Majeskey Stanley J. Filipek

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman
 Luther A. Belden William E. Boyle

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Howard B. Abbott, Chairman
 Joseph Pelc Peter S. Rogaleski Edward T. Kostek

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude B. Rogaleski

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Francis Godin

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

James Bardwell (deceased)

William J. Sheehan

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Edward Zalinski (deceased)

Ralph Pickett

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

Lucille Godek

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

John Wentzel

Henry Donniss

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

James L. McGrath

DOG OFFICER

James L. McGrath

CONSTABLES

James L. McGrath
 Peter Kubosiak
 Joseph S. Wilkes

Thomas Shea
 Stanley J. Filipek
 Mitchel Kempisty

POLICE OFFICERS

Francis Godin
 Henry Kosakowski
 Anthony Malinowski
 Edward Dugal

George Omasta
 Wacław Yanucik
 Peter Malinowski
 Edward Breor

John Brennan

FIRE CHIEF

Michael J. Yarrows

FIREFIGHTERS

Arthur Brassord, Asst. Chief
 Francis McGrath, Capt.
 Arthur Smith, Lieut.
 Edward Breor
 Thomas Mullany
 Herbert Smith
 Raymond Balise
 William Boyle
 Marcus Boyle
 Joseph Wendlowski
 Henry Kosakowski
 Peter Kubosiak
 Alfred Proulx

Francis Godin
 Mitchell Kempisty
 Joseph Krawczyk
 Martin Brassord
 William Betsold
 Frank Romanowski
 John Toczko
 Leon Toczko
 John Gizienski
 Frank Zawacki
 Thomas Sheehan
 Raymond Jenness
 Marcus Mullins

North Hatfield

Ralph Pickett, Capt.	Charles Belden
Rudolph Mathieu	Albert Omasta
Donald Mathieu, Eng.	Michael Omasta
Richard Belden	Steve Duga
Clifford Belden, Jr.	Thomas Smith
Philip Maiewski	Edward Wroblewski

**TOWN OF HATFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

INCORPORATED 1670

AREA 8900 Acres

ELEVATION 132 feet at Main Street

POPULATION 1950 Census 2178

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
SECOND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.,
Chesterfield, Mass.

**STATE SENATOR
FRANKLIN AND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Ralph C. Mahar
Orange, Mass.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.
John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday, the 16th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; Moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years and one member of the Hatfield Housing Authority for five years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 44, General Laws, and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the amounts received from the Dog Fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year, and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,200.64 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the County Commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chap-

ter 32, General Laws, as amended and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.0 for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, the state and county share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state and county, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state and county share to be taken from Surplus Revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the state's share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state's share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$7,000.00, the town's share, for new construction, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$350.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,365.00 for the support of a visiting nurse or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: Assessors' Expense, \$2.75; Water Department, \$65.00; Welfare, \$14.80; Town Hall, \$72.74, or or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$4,500.00 for the purchase of a truck, equipped for plowing snow, for the highway department, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to elect the Moderator, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Tree Warden for a term of three years, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to have the Tree Warden appointed by the selectmen, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance and improvement of the Center School Athletic field, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase, erection and repair of fences, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of renewing water services on Elm Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from Surplus Revenue and authorize the assessors to use this amount to reduce the tax rate, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

JOHN CERNAK,

GEORGE W. ROGALEWSKI,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

Selectmen of Hatfield.

Report of Finance Committee

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	1952 Approp.	Amount Spent	1953 Request	Recom- Recom-
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1953	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1953 3 @ \$300.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	151.41	150.00	150.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's salary, Jan. 1, 1953	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,675.00	1,300.00
6. Accountant's Expense	100.00	109.39	125.00	125.00
7. Treasurer's salary, Jan. 1, 1953	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,775.00	1,650.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	475.00	452.29	425.00	425.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1953	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,400.00	1,100.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	400.00	438.58	500.00	450.00
11. Assessors' Salary, Jan. 1, 1953 3 @ \$550.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,800.00	1,650.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	378.19	400.00	400.00

13.	Attorney's Fees	400.00	225.00	300.00	200.00
14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1953				
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,775.00	1,650.00
16.	Election & Registration	300.00	315.40	325.00	300.00
17.	Elector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1953	980.00	795.49	750.00	750.00
18.	Town Hall	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
19.	Police	5,800.00	5,879.16	5,800.00	5,800.00
20.	Fire Department	1,200.00	1,267.08	1,200.00	1,200.00
21.	Tree Work	2,500.00	3,732.37	3,000.00	2,500.00
22.	Moth Work	1,750.00	1,970.38	1,750.00	1,500.00
23.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas., Salary	700.00	414.00	1,307.00	1,307.00
24.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas., Expense	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
25.	Public Health	50.00	45.13	125.00	125.00
26.	School Physician	1,000.00	3,306.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
27.	Inspection of Animals & Slaugh- ter	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
28.	Insp. Children pre-school	550.00	415.96	550.00	480.00
29.	Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	100.00		100.00	100.00
30.	Highway, General	75.00		75.00	75.00
		6,000.00	5,942.31	6,250.00	6,250.00

31. Highway, Chap. 81	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
32. Highway, Chap. 81, for sur- plus revenue			
33. Highway Chap. 90 Maint.	*13,750.00	*13,750.00	*13,750.00
34. Highway Chap. 90, Maint. fr.	600.00	600.00	600.00
Surplus Revenue			
35. Machinery Operating	*1,200.00	*1,200.00	*1,200.00
36. Street Lights	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
37. Public Welfare	4,000.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
37A. Disability Assistance	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
38. Aid to Dependent Children		3,000.00	3,000.00
39. Old Age Assistance	3,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
40. Veterans' Benefits	11,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
41. School Committee Expense	500.00	500.00	200.00
42. Schools	100.00	100.00	100.00
43. Vocational School Tuition & Transportation	83,330.38	88,047.21	87,047.21
44. Library	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
45. Library Bldg. Repairs	2,500.00	2,800.00	2,500.00
46. Memorial Day	200.00		
	350.00	350.00	300.00

47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	115.00	50.00	50.00
48.	Print & Deliver Town Reports	650.00	618.35	650.00	500.00
49.	Telephone	250.00	210.23	250.00	250.00
50.	Unclassified	50.00	40.75	100.00	100.00
51.	Binding Town Records	100.00	50.05	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	2,700.00	3,911.57	3,500.00	3,500.00
53.	Reserve Fund fr. Overlay Surplus	*3,400.00	3,292.86	*2,800.00	*2,800.00
54.	Water Commissioners' Salary Available surplus, Jan. 1, fr. Water: Chr. \$ 250.00 1953, 2 mem- bers		800.00	*1,100.00	*600.00
55.	Water Dept. from surplus Revenue	*800.00	5,711.79	*4,360.00	*4,000.00
56.	Cemeteries	*4,150.00	1,185.54	800.00	800.00
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1953, \$1.60 per hr.	800.00			

58. Water Mains Loans:				
Fr. Water Av. Surplus	*3,967.62	3,967.62	*11,998.47	*11,998.47
59. Interest—Water Mains Loan				
Fr. Water available surplus	*647.50	647.50	*1,673.50	*1,673.50
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	\$188,610.50	\$189,933.16	\$207,471.18	\$202,741.18
	27,915.12		36,881.97	36,021.97
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*From Available Funds	\$160,695.38	\$170,589.21	\$166,719.21	\$166,719.21
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JOSEPH V. PORADA, Chairman.

LUTHER A. BELDEN,

WILLIAM E. BOYLE,

Finance Committee.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Our sincere thanks to the town officials and the townspeople of Hatfield for their fine co-operation during the preceding year 1952.

At this time we would like to present a brief summary of events of 1952, and some of the proposals for the year 1953.

At our first meetings after election, we made appointments to the various town positions, in order to keep the town in good running condition.

Due to resignations and otherwise, it was necessary to appoint a chief of police, inspector of slaughter and animals, tree warden and sealer of weights and measures.

After various appointments by us, we finally succeeded in obtaining the services of James McGrath for chief of police.

We had appointed Joseph Wendolowski as meat inspector, but inasmuch as he has a dairy farm, he was not eligible. James Bardwell succeeded him, and served until his death when William Sheehan replaced him.

Edward Zalinski was elected Tree Warden and appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures and served very capably in both positions until his death. Francis Godin was then appointed tree warden. We feel that this position should be maintained by the Supt. of Roads, inasmuch as he has both the equipment and men to do the necessary work.

Ralph Pickett was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Much to our regret we found it necessary to hold three special meetings which were held on March 18, 1952, Sept. 29, 1952 and Dec. 26, 1952.

These meetings were to appropriate additional money for unpaid bills and for the water project.

The two most important construction projects for 1952 were the repaving and widening of Maple Street and part of Elm street.

In 1953 we hope to obtain sufficient funds to continue the project to just below Sunset avenue. The proposed amount for the town share would be \$17,000. After completion of the new road the parking by the Legion Home was changed from the east side to the west side. A black top sidewalk was built from the Legion home on Elm street.

The other construction project was the Mountain road bridge. A new bridge has been built to replace the old one, which was very hazardous. This year an additional amount of \$3,000, town share, will be needed to complete the approaches. Hatfield will then have another beautiful bridge.

All of the town bridges have been repainted to preserve them.

Gore avenue to Bridge street was relocated and the road has been tarred. We had intended to do Sunset avenue but inasmuch as a property settlement couldn't be made we were unable to tar this road. At our last special meeting an article was made to "Amend Sunset avenue vote, to include taking by eminent domain," when this is accomplished, we will then be in a position to tar and gravel Sunset avenue.

After numerous discussions and meetings with railroad authorities and the Department of Public Utilities, we have been informed that the Boston & Maine railroad will have to install flashing signals, a pedestrian bell and gates at the Plain road railroad crossing in North Hatfield. These signals have to be completed prior to June 30, 1953, and we are very grateful to all who helped us achieve this goal.

Although the town of Hatfield has two heavy duty trucks in the highway department, we feel that the purchase of a smaller truck would be more economical for light hauling. The two heavy duty trucks can be used for graveling and snow plowing.

If the purchase of this truck is approved, the money for it would be taken from the Machinery account and would have no effect on the taxpayer.

Although we have been able to make various gifts from the receipt of monies received from the weekly Square Dances, we felt it necessary to discontinue these for the best interest of everyone.

The following is a summary of the Square Dance fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1952	\$184.21
Five Dances in 1952	148.91
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Total	\$333.12
Expenses:	
Sink for Community Rooms	\$142.68
Cigar Festival Float	50.00
D. P. U. hearing No. Hatfield crossing	39.85
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	232.53
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Balance	\$100.59

We also made some repairs on the Town Hall roof. We found that it had been struck by lightning and after contacting the insurance company, we were awarded \$150.00 towards the damage.

The gutters on the main part of the hall were removed as they would clog up with snow and ice, and prevented the snow on the roof from coming down. After a thaw, the melting snow and ice caused damage to the asbestos shingles, resulting in leaks.

In order to overcome washing away from the building, and splashing dirt to the lower part of the building we had the supt. of streets to build a cement splash board.

In closing, we would like to say that we have tried our best to serve, for the best interest of all the citizens of Hatfield.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CERNAK,

GEORGE W. ROGALEWSKI,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

Selectmen of Hatfield.

List of Jurors

1.	Raymond E. Balise	Farmer
2.	Marcus Boyle	Farmer
3.	Simeon M. Bourdon	Barber
4.	Alberta Bryant	Housewife
5.	Anne N. Cernak	Housewife
6.	Edward S. Dickinson	Poultryman
7.	Henry Donnis	Lumberman
8.	John P. Donnis	Butcher
9.	Ann Filipek	Hair Stylist
10.	Frank Filipek	Laborer
11.	Michael J. Filipek	Foreman
12.	John Fusek	Machinist
13.	Robert W. Gore	Farmer
14.	Zygmunt Jaworski	Restaurateur
15.	John W. Mullins, Sr.	Farmer
16.	Rita J. Osley	Housewife
17.	Joseph J. Pelc	Farmer
18.	Antonia Porada	Housewife
19.	Emma Rogalewski	Tobacco Worker
20.	Joseph Rogaleski	Laborer
21.	Paul Stefancik	Restaurateur
22.	William Symanski	Lumberman
23.	Frank T. Woodward	Insurance Agent
24.	John Zack	Farmer

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1952

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	20	32	10
Female	16		10
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Total	36	32	20

Preceding Five Years

1951	58	29	29
1950	44	36	15
1949	49	33	24
1948	44	50	21
1947	53	44	29

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1952	171	407
1951	118	389
1950	166	379
1949	158	416
1948	142	387

1947	127	361
Junk	3	\$24.00
Auto Dealer	4	100.00
Cabin	3	1.50
Slaughter	1	1.00
Pin Ball	4	60.66
Common Victualler	11	11.00
Milk License	1	.50
Oleo License	2	1.00
Sunday Entertainment	346	86.50
Gasoline	8	8.00
Gas Registration	15	7.50
Beer Permit	14	35.00
Lord's Day	13	13.00
Liquor	13	5,285.00

ELECTIONS

Registered voters January 1, 1952	1224
Voted at Town Election February 18, 1952	807
Voted at Presidential Primaries April 29, 1952 (Democratic 32 — Republican 50)	82
Voted at State Primaries September 16, 1952 (Democratic 104 — Republican 29)	133
Voted at State and National Election Nov. 4, 1952	1119
Registered Voters December 31, 1952	1263

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

1952

Special Town Meeting — March 18, 1952

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: Schools, \$541.98; Highways, \$16.92; Fire Department, \$51.65, or act anything thereon.

VOTED to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: School, \$541.98; Highway, \$16.92; and Fire Department, \$51.65. Unanimous vote.

Attest: P. S. Rogaleski,

Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting — September 29, 1952

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of completing the laying of the fourteen inch water main from the reservoir to the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Streets, as authorized by vote under Article 1 of a Special Town Meeting held on November 27, 1951, and to meet said appropriation, the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum of \$4,000.00 and to issue a bond or note of the town therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, so that this bond or note shall be paid within one year from the date of issue, or act anything thereon.

VOTED to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of completing the laying of the fourteen inch water main from the reservoir to the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Streets, as authorized by vote under Article 1 of a Special Town Meeting held on November 27, 1951, and to meet said appropriation, the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum of \$4,000.00 and to issue a bond or note of the town therefor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that this bond or note shall be paid within one year from the date of issue. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: Fire Department, \$75.00, and Town Hall \$20.00 to act anything thereon.

VOTED to appropriate from Surplus Revenue, under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years ,sums to accounts as follows: Fire Department, \$75.00, and Town Hall, \$20.00. Unanimous vote.

Attest: P. S. Rogaleski,

Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting — December 26, 1952

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,150.00 from the Old Age Assistance Account to the Fire Department Account, or act anything thereon.

VOTED to transfer the sum of \$1,150.00 from the Old Age Assistance Account to the Fire Department Account.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Public Health Account, or act anything thereon.

VOTED to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Public Health Account.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$600.00 from the Old Age Assistance Account and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 from Surplus Revenue to the Water Department Maintenance Account, or act anything thereon.

VOTED to transfer the sum of \$600.00 from the Old Age Assistance Account and to appropriate the sum of \$550.00 from Surplus Revenue to the Water Department Maintenance Account.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote under Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 19, 1951, to read: "Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain of a strip of land ten feet wide and approximately 1,125 feet long, located on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, from Anthony and Mary Kielbowicz, or take any action thereon.

VOTED to amend the vote under Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting held on February 19, 1951, to read: "Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$300.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain of a strip of land ten feet wide and approximately 1125 feet long, located on the easterly side of Sunset Avenue, from Anthony and Mary Kielbowicz." Unanimous vote.

Attest: P. S. Rogaleski,

Town Clerk.

TAX RATES IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

	<u>1941</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Amherst	\$30.80	\$38.00	\$42.00	\$41.00	\$47.00	\$47.00
Belchertown	42.40	47.00	47.00	52.00	52.00	55.00
Chesterfield	38.00	58.00	58.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
Cummington	34.00	52.00	50.00	62.00	56.00	62.00
Easthampton	38.00	39.00	33.50	33.50	34.50	37.50
Goshen	33.00	34.00	39.00	46.00	53.00	51.00
Granby	22.00	34.00	31.00	32.00	42.00	40.00
Hadley	24.00	40.00	35.00	36.00	42.00	42.00
HATFIELD	27.60	33.00	32.00	31.00	33.00	37.00
Huntington	38.50	44.00	52.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
Middlefield	30.00	45.00	50.00	66.00	59.00	60.00
Northampton	31.00	43.00	44.00	43.20	44.00	46.00
Pelham	23.00	30.00	33.00	33.00	39.00	39.00
Plainfield	44.00	60.00	50.00	60.00	68.00	60.00
South Hadley	30.60	32.00	32.00	33.00	33.00	34.00
Southampton	27.00	41.00	50.00	50.00	53.00	50.00
Ware	41.00	48.00	52.00	53.00	54.00	60.00
Westhampton	23.00	40.00	40.00	56.00	55.00	59.00
Williamsburg	38.00	46.00	48.00	46.00	47.00	56.00
Worthington	28.00	49.00	50.00	46.00	48.00	49.00

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In account with the Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1952	\$109,489.87
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Receipts for 1952:

January	\$27,610.24	
February	11,372.91	
March	15,284.38	
April	13,230.15	
May	9,205.13	
June	50,327.75	
July	32,418.20	
August	77,082.05	
September	18,955.81	
October	35,969.76	
November	41,465.11	
December	47,853.83	
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		\$490,265.19
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Payments per Warrants:

January	9,190.04
February	17,531.66
March	23,365.49

April	21,404.16	
May	18,100.96	
June	41,505.17	
July	30,630.42	
August	28,439.01	
September	45,998.25	
October	42,398.44	
November	35,828.27	
December	67,722.11	
	<hr/>	382,113.98
Cash on Hand December 31, 1952		108,151.21
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		\$490,265.19
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P. S. ROGALESKI,
Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

Fund	1952 Income	1952 Withdrawal	1952 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$12.48	\$4.98	\$202.55
J. D. Brown	2.51	2.51	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	2.54	2.54	101.00
Charles H. Waite	3.45	3.45	137.49
Charles M. Billings	3.77	3.77	150.00
James Porter	2.74	2.74	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	2.78	2.78	110.82
Chas. S. Shattuck	2.78	2.78	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	2.74	2.74	109.45
Reuben Belden	2.51	2.51	100.00
Theo Porter	2.67	2.67	106.18
Charles L. Graves	2.67	2.67	102.22
Augusta Beals	5.20	5.20	207.29
B. M. Warner	5.22	5.22	207.42
Henry Batcheller	2.54	2.54	101.26

Reuben H. Belden	2.54	2.54	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	5.04	5.04	200.67
David Wells	2.51	2.51	100.00
Otis Wells	3.77	3.77	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	2.51	2.51	100.00
Harriet S. Marsh	5.13	5.13	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	2.51	2.51	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	2.51	2.51	100.00
Roswell Billings	3.77	3.77	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	3.77	3.77	150.00
E. S. Warner	1.52	1.52	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	2.75	2.75	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.50	1.50	55.24
E. C. Billings	14.03	14.03	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.32	2.32	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	5.75	5.75	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.31	2.31	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	9.69	9.69	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	6.31	6.31	279.57
Levi Graves	3.59	3.59	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.35	2.35	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.31	2.31	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.33	2.33	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.27	2.27	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	4.56	4.56	201.91
Samuel Field	3.40	3.40	150.53
Samuel Field	3.39	3.39	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.42	2.42	107.18
Daniel Allis	3.43	3.43	152.22
P. M. Wells	2.92	2.92	129.86
Benj. Waite	2.03	2.03	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.32	2.32	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	2.92	2.92	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	2.47	2.47	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.33	2.33	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.31	2.31	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	2.51	2.51	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	2.57	2.57	114.30
Luman M. Moore	4.52	4.52	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	7.27	7.27	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	9.08	9.08	401.90

Luther Wells	7.70	7.70	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.18	1.18	52.37
John H. Sanderson	2.37	2.37	105.44
Charles Smith	2.47	2.47	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.42	2.42	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	4.52	4.52	200.00
Henry R. Holden	4.52	4.52	200.00
Fannie Allis	4.52	4.52	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	3.39	3.39	150.00
N. T. Abels	4.52	4.52	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	3.39	3.39	150.00
Fred Schepp	1.68	1.68	75.00
Joseph Schepp	1.68	1.68	75.00
General Care Fund	17.31	17.31	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	3.39	3.39	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	3.39	3.39	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	3.39	3.39	150.00
Charles Wight	2.27	2.27	100.00
General Care Fund	.22	.22	10 00
Stephen Omasta	3.39	3.39	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	4.52	4.52	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	3.39	3.39	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.27	2.27	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.27	2.27	100.00
Herman Harris	2.27	2.27	100.00
Harold J. Morse	3.39	3.39	150.00
John W. Darr	2.27	2.27	100.00
Adam Englehardt	5.68	6.93	250.00
Connie Liebl (New Acct.)	1.31	1.31	175.00
George Marsh (New Acct.)	3.00	3.00	200.00

	<u>\$320.47</u>	<u>\$314.22</u>	<u>\$14,129.63</u>
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Hatfield Library Fund	\$18.80	\$766.74
Firemen's Relief Fund	1.76	71.84
Rehabilitation Fund	1,361.01	1,832.36

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$909,400.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,202,850.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,112,250.00
Value of Personal Estate	356,710.00
Value of Assessed Personal and Real Estate	3,468,960.00
Tax Rate per thousand	\$37.00
Number of Polls assessed	745
Number of horses assessed	109
Number of cows assessed	212
Number of neat cattle assessed	160
Number of sheep assessed	300
Number of fowl assessed	4700
Number of dwellings assessed	549
Number of automobiles assessed	1200
Number of acres land assessed	9052
Town Appropriations	\$290,309.85
State Audit	661.56
State Park Tax	412.90
County Tax	17,305.56
Overlay	7,683.82

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	22,711.04
Corporation Tax	7,636.16
Excise Tax	10,000.00
Licenses	3,500.00
Schools	4,000.00

General Government	100.00
Charities	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	4,500.00
Interest on Taxes	250.00
Available Funds	129,614.47
Health and Sanitation	300.00

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
UNDER CHAPTER 59 CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	108,600.00
Town Property	378,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
American Legion Home	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MULLINS, JR.

DANIEL OMASTA, JR.

MITCHELL KEMPISTY,

Board of Public Welfare

EXPENDITURES

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salary of Agent	\$198.00	
Printing and Postage	60.40	
All Other	8.39	
Board and Care	426.52	
Medicine and Medical Care	9.00	
Cash Grants to Individuals	2,410.85	
Relief by other Cities and Towns	183.31	
	<hr/>	\$3,296.47

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cash Grant — Town	\$1,907.41	
Cash Grant — Federal	724.35	
Agent's Salary — Town	68.49	
Agent's Salary — Federal	15.51	
	<hr/>	\$2,715.76

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cash Grants, — Town	\$2,598.40	
Cash Grants — Federal	2,136.00	
Agent's Salary — Town	145.13	
Agent's Salary—Federal	52.87	
Phone and Postage	4.96	
Travel	3.18	
	<hr/>	\$4,940.54

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cash Grants — Town	\$8,659.73	
Cash Grants — Federal	8,737.51	
Other Cities and Towns	352.57	
Agent's Salary — Town	478.98	
Agent's Salary — Federal	241.02	
Postage and Phone	5.70	
Travel	3.18	
	<hr/>	\$18,478.69

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Month	Number of Cases	Payment
January	24	\$1,435.85
February	25	1,667.72
March	23	1,463.20
April	23	1,412.56
May	22	1,399.85
June	21	1,476.65
July	20	1,255.65
August	20	1,457.80
September	20	1,294.35
October	21	1,431.92
November	22	1,493.50
December	22	1,607.34

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

January	5	356.80
February	5	356.80
March	5	298.00
April	5	333.85
May	5	357.70
June	5	358.70
July	5	405.35
August	5	451.00

September	5	478.00
October	5	442.85
November	5	444.60
December	5	450.75

DISABILITY INSURANCE

January	0	0
February	2	284.10
March	2	116.60
April	3	444.34
May	3	203.04
June	3	205.92
July	3	203.04
August	3	210.62
September	3	210.62
October	4	376.42
November	4	278.28
December	4	273.58

GENERAL RELIEF

January	7	250.05
February	7	250.05
March	5	182.40
April	5	192.40
May	6	222.75
June	5	193.75
July	5	192.40
August	5	193.75
September	5	192.40
October	5	193.75
November	5	192.40
December	4	153.75

LUCILLE H. GODEK,

Welfare Agent.

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1952, and the number of arrests made in the Town of Hatfield:

State Police:

Assault	1
Breaking and Entering	1
Town By-Laws	3
Delinquency	3
Driving while Intoxicated	3
Drunkenness	10
Escape from Prison	1
Liquor Laws	2
Motor Vehicle Laws	56
Tramps and Vagabonds	1
Weapon Carrying	1
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	82

Local:

Assault	1
Damage to Schools	3
Warrants served for Out of Town Police	12
Auto Accidents	12
Dogs Disposed	5
All Dogs Taxes Collected	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. McGRATH,

Chief of Police.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The Board of Water Commissioners wish to present a true picture of the past year's activities in our Department.

The water line from the reservoir to North Hatfield is now complete, and should be in operation in a very few days after this writing. Approximately 14,700 feet of 10 inch Asbestos Cement pipe was laid by the Water Department, from the corner of Chestnut and Prospect streets to North Hatfield. This line was tested to 90 pounds pressure with no leaks developing. The cost of labor and machine hire is 76¢ per foot, this includes the setting of all gates and hydrants. The Commissioners believe this is a very low figure in comparison with the low bid of \$17,872.00 for the laying of 7,000 feet by E. T. O'Neill. A new gate house was also built by the Water Dept. to take care of this new line. In this way the old and the new line will be entirely independent of each other in case of failure.

There has been a large amount of criticism, by citizens and Town Officials about the Water Dept. laying their own pipe. We believe that any project that was done by the Water Dept. has meant a substantial saving to the town. We also believe that any Dept. that can do a job and save the town money should receive the co-operation of other Town Officials.

There has also been some criticism about using Asbestos Cement pipe. The saving on this project by using Asbestos Cement instead of Cast Iron pipe would probably amount to \$35,000. The Water Dept. laid approximately 25,000 feet of Asbestos Cement pipe in the past two years with no failures of any sort, this must prove that the pipe is being handled and laid carefully.

Any property owner on the route of the pipe line laid by E. T. O'Neill, who has any complaint about the condition of their lawn or driveway should let the Commissioners know what it is. Mr. O'Neill will be back this spring to finish grading and seeding, at that time all complaints will be taken care of.

In regard to the water line which had to be moved to make way for the new bridge on Mountain road. This line was moved by the Water Dept., to where the State Engineers wanted it moved, payment was made by the State. After the bridge was built we found that the line was not moved far enough, and our line was in danger of breaking in the future. We requested the State Engineers to make funds available for correcting this condition, but this they refused to do. We also asked the Board of Selectmen to make an effort to receive funds from the State. If this line should break in the spring of the year when the water is high, this will be a very expensive item to repair. We are writing this in our defense in case this line should break. The fault lies with the State Engineers, they claim there is no danger of breakage.

The Water Commissioners request the town people to come up with their questions and remarks at the Town Meeting, where they will be answered to the best of our ability.

RUPERT HARUBIN,
HENRY F. KULESZA,
MICHAEL YANGINSKI,
Board of Water Commissioners.

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

“Reading remains as one of the few personal individual activities whereby we can approach our full stature of mind and spirit.” The record of achievement in the library during the past year would indicate that despite television, revolutions, reading is standing up well under its onslaught.

The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was:

Juvenile Fiction	•9,067
Juvenile Non-Fiction	3,014
Adult Fiction	8,006
Adult Non-Fiction	3,401
Book Mobile	110
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	23,598

Four hundred and sixty-seven new books and forty-eight periodicals have been catalogued and put into circulation. Of these, two hundred and seventeen were for children and two hundred and fifty for adults.

The total number of registered borrowers, men, women and children is eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Meetings attended during the year were: Spring meeting Western Massachusetts Library Club on May 8th at The Community House, Longmeadow, Mass. Fall meeting Western Massachusetts Library Club on Oct.

9th, Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass.; Spring meeting Connecticut Valley Library Club May 15th at the Tilton Library, South Deerfield, Mass.

Fall meeting Connecticut Valley Library Club Oct. 16th, Town Hall, Hatfield, Mass. Again we urge that a reading room be added to our facilities. Everything possible must be done to keep the Public Library at the peak of efficiency and service. The advantages would be numerous, including additional space for future expansion, complete separation for reference and text books, where there would not be the usual distractions to disturb the reference worker, who needs quiet. Most important of all, it would be invaluable for our school pupils who very much need a study and reference room which would complement their formal education in the school.

We still have the privilege of borrowing any non-fiction book not found on our shelves, this privilege we will gladly use on request.

The library is open Monday and Friday from 7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.; Wednesday, 11:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

For the co-operation received from the Trustees, Teachers and my assistants, I wish to express appreciation.

THERESA M. GODIN,

Librarian.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Since my appointment as Tree Warden in July, due to the death of Edward Zalinski, the cleaning up of brush and debris after severe wind storms during late summer was carried out in good order.

Four maple trees were taken down, two on Maple street and one each on Elm and North Streets.

Ten elms infected with dutch elm disease were taken down and burned.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS E. GODIN,

Tree Warden.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

As the Inspector of Animals in December I visited all farms where livestock are kept and found all to be in good condition. I also found a substantial increase in dairy cattle and sheep.

My report for 1952 is as follows:

	1952	1951
Milk cows and 2 yr. heifers	268	204
Heifers, 1-2 yrs.	66	61
Heifer calves under 1 yr.	138	113
Bulls	23	16
Steers	77	47
Horses	88	98
Sheep	452	302
Swine	105	103
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Totals	1217	944

SLAUGHTER

As the Inspector of Slaughter I submit the slaughtering report for 1952:

	1952	1951
Hogs	99	64
Cattle	49	163
Calves	22	43
Sheep	107	48
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	377	318

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN,
 Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1952	\$900.00	
Personal 1952	10,284.52	
Real 1952	81,199.32	
In Lieu of taxes 1952	71.41	
Poll Previous Years	524.00	
Personal Previous Years	3,145.19	
Real Previous Years	29,389.55	
In Lieu of Taxes	63.69	
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		\$125,577.68

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1952	\$11,006.66	
Previous Years	7,627.62	
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		18,634.28

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Meal Tax—Old Age Assistance	\$788.73	
Corporation Tax	15,284.49	
Income Tax	24,591.04	
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		40,664.26

Licenses and permits:

Liquor	\$5,285.00	
Milk	1.50	
Junk	24.00	
All Other	307.66	
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		5,618.16

Court Fines

325.00

RECEIPTS

Grant from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	\$8,081.63	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,246.76	
Smith Hughes & George Barden	513.27	
Commodity Distribution Fund School Lunch	3,824.29	
Disability Assistance	739.86	
	<hr/>	15,405.81

Grants from State:

Vocational Education	\$2,689.13	
Transportation	3,369.68	
Highways Chap. 81	12,745.66	
Veterans On-Farm Training	80.52	
	<hr/>	18,884.99

Hampshire County:

Dog Licenses		191.56
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Total General Revenue

 \$225,301.74

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall	\$195.00
Outlays	50.67
Sealer of Weights and Measures	97.40
Tree Dept.	11.00

Health and Sanitation:

Slaughter Insp. Fees	114.00	
Sewer Connections	165.00	
Dental Clinic	91.00	
	<hr/>	370.00

Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction State	\$29,473.97	
Chapter 90 Construction County	14,737.00	
Highway Machinery Fund	2,348.00	
Sale of Materials—Scrap Iron	122.78	
	<hr/>	46,681.75

Public Welfare:

Cities and Towns	502.85
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RECEIPTS

Aid to Dependent Children:		
Reimbursement from State		1,482.68
Old Age Assistance:		
Reimbursement from State		7,261.40
Disability Assistance:		
Reimbursement from State		760.40
Veterans' Services:		42.00
Schools:		
Athletic Fund	\$2,135.76	
Tuition and Transportation	522.31	
Sale of Supplies	2.90	
	<hr/>	2,660.97
School Lunch—Sale of Lunches		7,190.12
Library Fines		85.00
Boiler Damage Town Hall	31.74	
Damage to Vents at Town Hall	150.00	
Insurance Refunds	132.03	313.77
Water Department:		
Water Rents	\$9,761.18	
Rent of Land	200.00	
New Services	350.000	
	<hr/>	10,311.18
Care of Cemetery Lots		237.00
General Interest		
Interest on Taxes	\$543.08	
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	105.04	
Demands on Taxes	.35	
	<hr/>	648.47
Interest on Trust Funds:		
Cemeteries		321.72
Total Commercial Revenue		<hr/> \$79,223.38

RECEIPTS

Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Loans	\$64,000.00	
Premiums	78.00	
	<hr/>	\$64,078.00

Agency, Trust and Investments:

Dog Tax Due County	\$374.80	
New Funds—Cemetery Perpetual Care	375.00	
Blue Cross	1,259.75	
Retirement	1,426.97	
Withholding	8,735.68	
	<hr/>	12,172.20

Total All Receipts		\$380,775.32
Cash on Hand January 1, 1952		109,489.87
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Total		\$490,265.19

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Elector under Oliver Smith Will		10.00
Selectmen:		
Salary		900.00
Clerk		200.00
Expenses:		
Travel	\$15.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	28.73	
Dues—State and County Assoc.	31.00	
All Other	76.68	
	<hr/>	151.41
Town Accountant:		
Salary		1,300.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, Stationery	\$41.24	
Dues—State Assoc.	3.00	
All Other	65.15	
	<hr/>	109.39

PAYMENTS

Town Treasurer:

Salary		1,450.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Stationery	\$54.95	
Bond	89.00	
Certification Water Loan Notes	50.89	
Dues	2.00	
Travel	99.07	
All Other	156.38	
		<hr/> 452.29

Tax Collector:

Salary		1,100.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	\$209.53	
Bond	194.75	
Clerk	32.30	
Dues—State Assoc.	2.00	
		<hr/> 438.58

Assessors:

Salary		1,650.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	\$73.16	
Travel	140.50	
Clerk	21.88	
All Other	142.65	
		<hr/> 378.19

Attorney's Fees

	225.00
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Town Clerk:

Salary		1,450.00
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Expenses:

Recording Fees	\$63.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	98.88	
Bond	7.50	
Dues—State Assoc.	5.00	
Travel	118.02	
All Other	23.00	
		<hr/> 315.40

PAYMENTS

Election and Registration:

Registrars	\$136.25	
Election Officers	385.00	
Clerical	180.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	94.24	
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		795.49

Total General Government

\$10,950.75

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,355.00	
New Equipment	62.29	
Fuel	1,172.13	
Lights	645.90	
Janitor's Supplies	120.77	
Repairs	1,439.07	
All Other	84.00	
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		\$5,879.16

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salary	\$893.08	
Men	260.00	
Supplies	114.00	
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		\$1,267.08

Fire Department:

Chief	\$250.00	
Men	1,052.00	
Care of Truck	110.00	
Clerk	100.00	
Tires and Tubes	249.00	
Hose	455.00	
Gasoline	45.14	
Misc. Equipment	504.65	
Truck Repairs	428.08	
Fuel	23.10	
Light	75.17	
Rent	199.50	
Telephone	143.08	
Parts	97.65	
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		3,732.37

PAYMENTS

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary		200.00
Expenses:		
Equipment	\$17.74	
Auto Expense	26.22	
Postage	1.17	
	<hr/>	45.13
Moth Work:		
Spraying	\$390.00	
Labor	24.00	
	<hr/>	414.00
Tree Work:		
Labor	\$1,558.44	
Equipment	159.04	
Trees	252.90	
	<hr/>	1,970.38
Civil Defense		49.77
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$7,678.73

HEALTH AND SANITATION ✓

Board and Treatment Tuberculosis	\$3,165.00	
Clerical	141.00	
Well Child Clinic	197.95	
Dental Clinic	96.00	
Visiting Nurse	1,000.00	
School Physician	300.00	
Inspection of Animals and Slaughtering	415.96	
	<hr/>	5,315.91

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$3,234.30	
Equipment and Misc.	385.81	
Asphalt Mix	84.97	
Telephone	100.05	
Fuel	217.19	
All Other	384.29	
	<hr/>	4,406.61

PAYMENTS

Snow and Ice Removal:

Salaries	\$1,174.30	
Sidewalks	177.75	
Sand and Salt	183.65	
	<hr/>	1,535.70

Total Highway General

\$5,942.31

Bridge Repairs:

Salaries	\$468.00	
All Other	285.85	
	<hr/>	753.85

Street Lights

3,822.75

Construct Elm Street Sidewalk

1,961.40

Purchase and Erect Fencing

10.00

Machinery Operating:

Parts and Repairs	\$1,987.19	
Gasoline	877.94	
Grease and Oil	71.15	
Tires	60.00	
	<hr/>	2,996.28

Highway Chapter 81:

Labor	\$9,428.80	
Town Machinery	2,236.00	
Other Machinery	4,234.50	
Concrete	63.80	
Asphalt and Tar	3,005.05	
Sand, Gravel, Etc.	2,028.53	
All Other	253.09	
	<hr/>	21,249.77

Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$381.60	
Town Machinery	88.00	
Other Machinery	286.00	
Tar	502.74	
Culverts	239.32	
	<hr/>	1,497.66

PAYMENTS

Highway Chapter 90 New Construction	\$29,222.92	
Highway Chapter 90 New Construction North Hatfield	27,745.08	
		<u>56,968.00</u>
Total All Highways		\$95,202.02

CHARITIES AND VETERAN BENEFITS

Welfare:

Salary of Agent	\$198.00	
Printing and Postage	60.40	
All Other	8.39	
Board and Care	426.52	
Medicine and Medical Care	9.00	
Cash Grants to Individuals	2,410.85	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	183.31	
		<u>3,296.47</u>

Disability Assistance:

Cash Grants from Town	\$1,907.41	
Cash Grants—Federal	724.35	
Agent's Salary—Town	68.49	
Agent's Salary from Federal	15.51	
		<u>2,715.76</u>

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Grant from Town Funds	\$2,598.40	
Cash Grants from Federal Funds	2,136.00	
Agent's Salary from Town Funds	145.13	
Agent's Salary from Federal Funds	52.87	
Phone and Postage	4.96	
Travel	3.18	
		<u>4,940.54</u>

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Grants from Town Funds	\$8,659.73	
Cash Grants from Federal Funds	8,737.51	
Other Cities and Towns	352.57	
Agent's Salary from Town Funds	478.98	
Agent's Salary from Federal Funds	241.02	

PAYMENTS

Postage and Phone	5.70	
Travel	3.18	
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		18,478.69
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Total Charities		\$29,431.46
Veterans' Benefits:		
Veterans' Aid	\$84.00	
Printing	11.10	
Agent's Salary	100.00	
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		195.10
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Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits		\$29,626.56

SCHOOLS

General Administration:		
Superintendent's Salary	\$2,847.29	
Clerk—Superintendent's Office	85.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	96.68	
Telephone	213.96	
Traveling Expenses	199.85	
School Census	50.00	
All Other	5.00	
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		3,497.78
Teachers' Salaries:		
High	\$25,870.88	
Elementary	28,478.09	
Music	1,218.03	
Drawing	487.60	
Penmanship	400.00	
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		56,454.60
Text and Reference Books:		
High	\$356.25	
Elementary	1,057.80	
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		1,414.05

PAYMENTS

Supplies:

High	\$689.34	
Elementary	1,083.04	
Agriculture	196.97	
Physical Education	277.13	
Audio Visual Supplies	114.62	
	<hr/>	2,361.10

Transportation:

High	\$2,471.25	
Elementary	2,471.25	
Athletic	456.04	
	<hr/>	5,398.54

High School Athletics

498.53

Janitors:

High	\$2,520.67	
Elementary	2,589.70	
	<hr/>	5,110.37

Fuel and Lights:

High	\$1,028.09	
Elementary	2,178.21	
Agriculture Power	45.00	
	<hr/>	3,251.30

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Janitor's Supplies, High	\$174.23	
Janitor's Supplies, Elementary	238.41	
Elementary Repairs	2,207.29	
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Diplomas and Graduation Exercises	89.06
Athletic Insurance	386.50
Liability Insurance	27.90
Equipment Repairs	269.46
New Equipment	498.07
School Nurse	1,033.42
Health Supplies	57.76
New Towels, Physical Education	28.85

Total Schools from Town Appropriation	<hr/>	\$82,997.22
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PAYMENTS

School Committee Expense	32.94
Athletic Fund (Revolving)	1,004.94
Heating System	2,096.55
Agriculture Teacher, Salary and Exp. for Geo. Barden	785.83
Maintenance of Athletic Field	300.00
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	1,609.34
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Total Schools	\$88,826.82

SCHOOL LUNCH

From Collections:

Wages	\$2,497.50	
Food	4,098.41	
Fuel	99.60	
Miscellaneous Supplies	180.85	
	<hr/>	6,876.36

From Commodity Distribution Funds:

Wages	\$1,410.00	
Food	2,374.79	
Fuel	7.50	
Miscellaneous Supplies	27.00	
Repairs of Equipment	5.00	
	<hr/>	3,824.29

Total School Lunch	<hr/>	\$10,700.65
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LIBRARY

Librarian's Salary	\$900.00
Assistants	463.50
Janitor	130.50
Books	723.53
Periodicals	146.75
Miscellaneous	66.83
Binding Books	4.25
Fuel	191.45
Lights	22.19

PAYMENTS

Printing, Postage and Stationery	32.20	
Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	10.00	
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Library Building Repairs	407.61	2,691.20
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Total Library		\$3,098.81

UNCLASSIFIED

Telephone	\$210.23	
Memorial Day	287.26	
Care of Town Clock	115.00	
Print and Distribute Town Reports	618.35	
Outlays	46.26	
Unclassified	40.75	
Unpaid Bills	720.35	
Retirement Assessment	958.30	
Binding Records	50.05	
Premiums Water Loan Notes	76.47	
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		3,123.02

INSURANCE

Liability and Property Damage	\$590.00	
Money and Securities	73.00	
Volunteer Firemen	128.75	
Workmen's Compensation	1,230.27	
Public Liability	180.06	
Town Schedule	1,841.52	
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		4,043.60

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner's Salary		800.00
Collector's Commission	\$488.06	
Clerical	100.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	53.69	
Telephone	6.92	
All Other	16.10	
Labor	2,114.85	
Trucks	57.50	
Pipe and Fittings	1,194.86	

PAYMENTS

Equipment	404.42	
General Repairs	830.39	
Care of Chlorinator	300.00	
Chlorine	130.00	
Fuel	15.00	
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Total Water Department		5,711.79

Install 14" pipe to Prospect and Chestnut Streets:

Labor	\$2,572.55	
Trucks	350.75	
Pipe and Fittings	576.30	
Rental of Shovel, bulldozer	2,450.56	
Rental tractors	153.50	
Lumber, etc.	170.36	
Advertising	85.77	
Miscellaneous Supplies	266.10	
Engineers	398.36	
Contractor	14,965.81	
	<hr/>	21,990.06

Install 10" pipe on Plain Road:

Labor	\$4,749.94	
Tractors	1,776.00	
Trucks	1,024.25	
Shovel	2,473.50	
Pipe and Fittings	40,515.88	
Miscellaneous	751.51	
	<hr/>	51,291.08

Total Water Department	\$79,792.93
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CEMETERIES

Clerk	\$50.00	
Labor	817.00	
Equipment and Repairs	318.54	
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INTEREST

Interest on Water Loan	647.50
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PAYMENTS
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Loan Note	4,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:	
State Parks	\$412.90
State Audit	661.56
County	16,504.03
Dog Licenses for County	374.80
	17,953.29
Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Funds	375.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	7.50
Rehabilitation Fund	1,329.74
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	1,259.75
Retirement	1,426.97
Withholding	8,735.68
	\$31,087.93
Total Agency, Trust and Investment	

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$624.43
Motor Vehicle Excise	329.39
Accrued Interest	.23
	954.05
Total Refunds	
Total Payments	\$382,113.98
Balance January 1, 1953	108,151.21
	490,265.19
Total	

TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1952

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$108,151.21	Overestimates:	\$801.53
Accounts Receivable:		County Tax	6,138.96
Taxes:		Road Machinery Earnings	1.53
Levy of 1948	\$164.40	Premium on Water Main Loan	146.85
Levy of 1949	369.20	Tailings	7,260.59
Levy of 1950	2,084.88	School Lunch Collections	1,384.67
Levy of 1951	4,523.78	School Athletic Fund	
Levy of 1952	35,245.17	Federal Grants:	
		Aid to Dependent	
		Children	\$167.68
		Old Age Assistance	121.71
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Smith Hughes & Geo.	
Levy of 1948	\$18.50	Barden	869.58
Levy of 1949	65.19		
			1,158.97

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Levy of 1950	215.19	Highway Chapter 90	
Levy of 1951	589.45	New Construction	\$372.99
Levy of 1952	7,360.34	Bridge Repairs	480.67
		Library Bldg. Repairs	643.98
		Civil Defense	875.95
Departmental:		Land Purchase Adjoining	
Aid to Dependment		Sunset Avenue	300.00
Children	\$444.78	Unpaid Bills	20.00
Care of Cemetery		Water Dept.—14" Water	
Lots	202.00	Main	2,149.57
Disability Assistance	11.58	Water Dept. 10" Water	
Old Age Assistance	64.32	Main	8,708.92
Slaughter Insp. Fees	63.25	Improve Watershed	1,076.88
Veterans' Training		Purchase Land within	
Program	14.83	Watershed	2,800.00
Water Department:		Land Purchase No. Hatfield	
Water Rents	\$2,839.07	Cemetery	300.00
Water Connections	175.00		17,728.96
		Water Available Surplus	14,672.59
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,819.45
			3,014.07

Aid to Highways:		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
State	\$10,177.36	Overlay 1949	\$369.20
County	3,686.44	Overlay 1950	2,084.88
	<hr/>	Overlay 1951	3,718.18
	13,863.80	Overlay 1952	5,082.36
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			11,254.62
Underestimates:		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
State Audit Tax	\$105.43	Motor Vehicle Excise	\$8,248.67
State Parks Tax	27.62	Departmental	800.76
	<hr/>	Water	3,014.07
Overlay Deficit		State and County Aid to	
Levy of 1948		Highways	13,863.70
Outlays			<hr/>
			25,927.30
		Surplus Revenue	87,463.99
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Total Assets	\$176,760.01		\$176,760.01

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$97,000.00	Water Main Loan	\$97,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$17,100.57	Firemen's Relief Fund	\$71.84
		Hatfield Library Fund	766.74
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
		Main St. Cemetery General Care Fund	10.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,654.34
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,832.36

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\$17,100.57	\$17,100.57
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Appropriation Table

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	1952 Approp.	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance to Revenue or Forward
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Selectmen's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00	\$1.41	151.41	151.41	
Accountant's Salary	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00	
Accountant's Expense	100.00	9.39	109.39	109.39	
Treasurer's Salary	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,450.00	
Treasurer's Expense	475.00		475.00	452.29	\$22.71
Collector's Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	
Collector's Expense	400.00	50.00	450.00	438.58	11.42
Assessor's Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00	378.19	21.81
Attorney's Fees	400.00		400.00	225.00	175.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,450.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	300.00	15.40	315.40	315.40	
Election & Registration	980.00		980.00	795.49	184.51
Electors' Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	5,800.00	79.16	5,879.16	5,879.16	

Police	1,200.00	67.08	1,267.08	1,267.08
Fire	2,500.00	1,232.37	3,732.37	3,732.37
Tree Work	1,750.00	300.00	2,050.00	1,970.38
Moth Work	700.00		700.00	414.00
Sealer Weights & Measures Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00
Sealer Weights & Measures Expense	50.00		50.00	45.13
Public Health	1,000.00	2,306.00	3,306.00	3,306.00
School Physician	300.00		300.00	300.00
Inspection of Animals & Slaughter	550.00		550.00	415.96
Inspection of Children—Pre-School	100.00		100.00	100.00
Inspection of Children—Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00	75.00
Dental Clinic	450.00		450.00	96.00
Visiting Nurse	1,365.00		1,365.00	1,000.00
Well Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	197.95
Highways General	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,942.31
Highways Chapter 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	21,249.77
Highways Chap. 90 Maint.	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,497.66
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,996.28
Elm Street Sidewalk	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,961.40
Street Lights	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,822.75
Bridge Repairs	1,234.52		1,234.52	753.85
Purchase & Erect Fencing	184.94		184.94	10.00
Public Welfare	5,000.00	272.37	5,272.37	5,272.37
Disability Assistance Federal Grant	724.35		724.35	724.35
Disability Assistance—Fed. Gr. Adm.	15.51		15.51	15.51

Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,751.67	748.33
Aid to Dependent Children Fed. Gr.	2,303.68	2,303.68	2,136.00	*167.68
Aid to Dependent Children Fed. Admin.	52.87	52.87	52.87	
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00	11,000.00	9,147.59	†1,750.00
Old Age Assistance Fed. Gr.	9,211.79	9,211.79	9,090.08	102.41
Old Age Assistance Fed. Gr. Admin.	241.02	241.02	241.02	*121.71
Veterans Benefits	500.00	500.00	195.10	304.90
School Committee Expense	100.00	100.00	32.94	67.06
Schools	83,330.38	83,330.38	82,997.22	333.16
Schools—George Barden Fed.	1,656.61	1,656.61	787.03	*869.58
New Heating System	3,426.29	3,426.29	2,096.55	1,329.74
Maint. & Improve Athletic Field	300.00	300.00	300.00	
School Athletic Fund	2,389.61	2,389.61	1,004.94	1,384.67
School Lunch Coll.	14,136.95	14,136.95	6,876.36	*7,260.59
School Lunch C. D. F.	3,824.29	3,824.29	3,824.29	
Voc. School Tuition & Trans.	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,609.34	390.66
Library	2,500.00	2,691.56	2,691.20	.36
Library Bldg. Repairs	1,051.59	1,051.59	407.61	*643.98
Binding Town Records	100.00	100.00	50.05	49.95
Care of Town Clock	50.00	65.00	115.00	
Civil Defense	925.72	925.72	49.77	875.95
Insurance	2,700.00	1,211.57	3,911.57	
Land Purchase Adj. Sunset	300.00	300.00		*300.00
Memorial Day	350.00	350.00	287.26	62.74

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman	Term expires 1954
Dr. Robert C. Byrne, Secretary	Term expires 1953
John Osley, Jr.	Term expires 1955

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the second Wednesday of each month
at the High School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John C. Jakobek
Office in the High School
Telephone 2361

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Alfred J. Kaiser, M. D.
33 Maple Street
Telephone 551

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R. N.
19 Prospekt Street, Hatfield

WORK CERTIFICATES

Raymond N. Jenness
School Street, Hatfield

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The report of the superintendent of schools has been read, approved and adopted as part of the official report of the School Committee.

The School Committee operates with the best interests of the community as its foremost consideration. It is sensitive to considered opinions and represents the will of the majority opinion of the voters as it is entrusted to do. The Committee assumes the responsibility of guiding your schools to the highest level of achievement obtainable. It is mindful of the fact that the schools belong to the people, that your children attend these schools and that, in the long run, the schools of Hatfield, as the schools of all other communities, represent the will and wisdom of the citizens of their respective communities. Innumerable studies have shown that good schools enhance the welfare and prosperity of their communities.

Several changes in the administrative duties of the school officials have occurred this year. Mr. Gordon Getchell, superintendent of schools since 1950, resigned July 31 to assume another administrative position in the schools of Ellington, Connecticut. John C. Jakobek, principal of the high school since 1946, was named acting superintendent of schools as of August 1. This arrangement was maintained until November 12 when a permanent consolidation of the two positions—high school principal and superintendent of schools—was adopted as both feasible and desirable.

When Mr. Jakobek was placed as the acting superintendent, two other changes in duties were put into effect. Mr. Raymond Jenness, elementary school principal, was placed in charge of issuing work certificates, and also in charge of the local school lunch program. These changes have worked out very satisfactorily.

In the spring of the year, Miss Marion Holmes, the school nurse in Hatfield for many years, resigned her position. The position was filled by Mrs. Lucille Godek of this town, who will maintain an office in the Health Room at the Elementary School.

The School Committee would like to draw the attention of the citizens of this community to the increasing birth rate in the community and its effect upon necessary additional classrooms in the near future. Whereas most other communities have felt the surge of increased pupil enrollments, this has not been a problem locally. However, with a birth rate of nearly fifty children per year for the last five years, the problem of adequate proper facilities must be faced soon. The contemplated increase of one classroom for the fall of 1953 can be accommodated in the Center School, but satisfactory classrooms thereafter are not available.

Your attention is also desired on the subject of entrance age for Grade 1 pupils. The entrance age for children wishing to enroll in September, 1953, is five years and six months as of September 1, 1953. This means that in order for a child to enter the first grade in 1953, the child must have been born before March 1, 1948. In comparing the local entrance age of first grade with the entrance age of other communities in this State, we find that almost without exception the entrance age elsewhere is five years and eight months. Your attention is directed to a paragraph relating to entrance age for pupils in the report of the superintendent of schools.

The school budget for 1953 shows a need for \$88,047.21. This represents an increase of more than \$4,000 over the budget of 1952. Most of the increase is necessitated by the increase in teachers' salaries. On May 26, 1952, a new minimum wage law went into effect for teachers in the State of Massachusetts. This law calls for a minimum salary of \$2,500 per year in communities like Hatfield. This necessitated a revised salary schedule to prevent inequities that would arise unless a new schedule was adopted. The details of the new schedule will be found in the report of the superintendent. It is important to point out that a serious problem of maintaining successful teachers arises unless adequate salaries are paid and a satisfactory salary scale exists. Published reports of higher salaries in nearby communities induce some of the better teachers to leave their positions.

In reviewing the financial status of the schools and the responsibilities for education, it is desirable to point out that schools are both a state and a local function. The state has legislated that schools must be operated for the education of children. This state has shown its obligation financially by reimbursements to the community for the conduct of the schools. In 1952, \$22,501.78 was received from the state and a greater amount is expected for 1953.

As a committee we have endeavored to serve you with a singleness of purpose—to offer to the children of Hatfield the best educational opportunities consonant with the facilities and the financial resources available. To those who have given us their support, and their support was most generous, we offer our sincere thanks.

EDWARD S. KOWALSKI, Chairman
ROBERT C. BYRNE, M. D., Secretary
JOHN OSLEY, JR.

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Hatfield:

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools for the year 1952 is presented to you for your consideration and approval.

In reviewing the personnel situation, it is evident that this community has been very fortunate in retaining its fine corps of teachers. The success of any school system depends upon the calibre of teachers. It must be emphasized that essentially the child's educational growth in school is the result of the relationship of the teacher and pupil. Buildings, supplies, administrative services and the like are merely aids in assisting the teacher to perform her services. Your teachers have combined their successful teaching experience with an understanding of education and child development. Teachers are well aware of the major purposes of public education, which insures adequate opportunities for all children to develop those fundamental understandings, skills, attitudes and ideals that make for a happy and successful life.

One of the means for maintaining and acquiring superior teachers is through a salary schedule by which teachers will know their rate of advancement over a period of years. On May 26, 1952, a new salary schedule went into effect locally to offset the inequalities caused by the new minimum wage scale for teachers in Massachusetts. This law made \$2,500 the minimum wage for a teacher in towns like Hatfield. The new wage scale for Hatfield is as follows:

Step	Non-Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
1	2500	2600	2700

2	2600	2700	2800
3	2700	2800	2900
4	2800	2900	3000

5	2900	3000	3100
6	3000	3100	3200

The annual step increases of each teacher are dependent upon continued satisfactory service and the completion of four approved semester hours of professional study. In order to move across a training bar, as shown between steps 1 and 2, or steps 4 and 5, the teachers must have successfully completed four hours of professional study as well as performed their duties satisfactorily.

As indicated in the report of the School Committee, the entrance age for our children to the first grade is five years and six months. Keeping this fact in mind, we ask ourselves a question: What is the most important goal of any first grade? The answer — reading.

Reading is the most vital educational need of any first grade program. With this in mind we turn to research studies and the advice of all the leading reading experts regarding the question of when should a child learn to read. Research studies show that many children are not ready to read at six years of age; in fact, it can be shown that the optimum age for learning to read is six years and six months. A child is oftentimes not ready to read at all, if it enters the first grade at the lowest minimum age. But if this child reports to school and is confronted with a task that is too difficult, as reading, the child builds up psychological blocks, dislikes reading and school, and a partial or total failure results.

It must be emphasized that these blocks and difficulties are often carried throughout the educational life of the child and every parent should weigh carefully the question of sending an immature child to school. The question the parents must face is not whether their child can enter, but is entrance, at that age, for the best welfare of the child.

The schools are vitally concerned with this problem, not only in Hatfield, but throughout the state. The problem of immature children entering the first grade is especially important because the schools are striving to practice an important principle of first learning. This principle emphasizes that first learnings must be educationally sound in order not to prevent future learning. The function of the schools thus becomes, not the accumulation of facts, but the development in the child of the tools of learning and the desire for continued learning. Education is no longer concerned with limited objectives, but with the overall pattern of pupil growth and the fullest development of all the resources of the child. If we understand and adopt as our own this first principle of learning, we can readily see that all parents, intent upon the maximum educational progress of the child and his future happiness within and without the schools, will permit their child to enter the first grade only when the child is ready to progress at a normal rate.

In all respect to our first grade teachers, it must be pointed out that they have done a tremendous job with the students that were given them. Vast amounts of pre-reading and reading readiness materials were used by our first grade teachers. These are the materials used in all similar school situations where communities have adopted curriculum changes to meet this problem caused by immature children entering grade 1. Curriculum changes represent one solution to meet the problem. Other com-

munities wishing to send their children to the advantages of early schools have established pre-first grades.

The children that do enroll in our local schools are fortunate in many ways. An excellent corps of experienced teachers greet our youngsters when they arrive in school. Our teachers understand growth and provide the children with the proper materials for advancement. Our reading and language program is built around the latest revision of the Scott, Foresman Company Foundation Reading Series, used by eighty per cent of the nation's schools. The reading materials are built to meet children's interests and needs. They are planned to implement a program for the all-around development of children. They are carefully planned for sequential development of reading skills.

Throughout our school system every effort is being made to provide the proper means and materials to meet the educational needs of our children. This necessitates the constant evaluation of the materials and methods now being used and the critical evaluation of all materials not in use at any time. Our educational program is constantly being evaluated to meet the needs of the children as efficiently as it is possible to do so. The major topic undergoing careful study at the present time is the Social Studies program at the elementary school. Progress toward the re-evaluation of the program and the outline for a revised program are now nearing completion. The earnestness with which our teachers approach our common problems is encouraging and will keep our schools constantly in the forefront educationally.

During the past year the following repairs were made to the public schools of this town: At the Center School:

1. All loose and unanchored caulking was removed and then new caulking was applied.

2. New putty was applied wherever it was necessary.

3. All the exterior woodwork was painted with two coats of paint.

4. Necessary repairs were made to the cupola.

5. A metal flagpole replaced the old wooden one.

6. The baseball diamond was cut out and cleared.

At the School Street School:

1. The classrooms were painted.

2. The hallways and stairwells were painted.

One of the many desirable changes made during 1952 was the establishment of a health room in the former office of the elementary school principal. This room serves as an office for the school nurse, as an examining room for physicians and as a screening room for other examinations. Medical equipment and supplies are being added to equip this room to meet the needs of our pupils. This room is meeting a long-felt need for increased interest in health.

A substantial addition was made in the spring of the year to the equipment of the athletic department. Through the combined efforts of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Men's Club and the Lions Club, an electric scoreboard to be used at basketball games was donated to the school department and installed in the town hall. This gift was presented to the school authorities at a sports banquet sponsored by these same organizations.

To those who have contributed to the success and welfare of the many functions conducted by the schools, sincere gratitude is expressed at this time.

JOHN C. JAKOBEK,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1952

Regular, day schools—

Appropriation for support	\$83,330.38
Total expenditures	82,997.22

Unexpended balance	\$333.16
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Cost of regular, day schools to Town—

Total expenditures	\$82,997.22
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Credits:

Chap. 70 (amended Chap. 643)	\$17,148.12	
Chap. 679 (transportation)	3,369.68	
High School Agric. Dept.	1,903.46	
Veterans I. O. F. Training	80.52	
Tuition and trans., out-of-town pupils	522.31	
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Net cost of schools from local taxation	\$59,973.13
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Vocational education (out-of-town)—

Appropriation for support	\$2,000.00
Expended—tuition and transportation	1,609.34

Unexpended balance	\$390.66
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Cost of out-of-town vocational education to Town—

Total expenditures	\$1,609.34
Reimbursement from state	785.67

Net cost of voc. ed. from local taxation	\$823.67
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SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1953

1952 Approp.	1952 Cost	Classification	1953 Estimate
Instruction, Teaching Staff			
\$22,110.22	\$21,577.96	H. School, Academic	\$24,189.43
3,362.00	3,292.93	H. School, Vocational	4,112.97
27,717.16	28,478.09	Elementary Schools	31,555.87
2,045.00	2,105.63	Music, Art, Penmanship	2,263.94
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\$55,234.38	\$56,454.61	Total, Teaching Staff	\$62,131.21

Instruction, Books, Supplies

\$1,000.00	\$1,016.59	H. School, Academic	\$1,200.00
250.00	196.97	H. School Vocational	250.00
2,100.00	2,178.73	Elementary Schools	3,000.00
200.00	498.07	New Equip. and Inst.	300.00
200.00	114.62	Audio-Visual Sup.	200.00
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\$3,750.00	\$4,004.98	Total, Bks., Sup., Etc.	\$4,950.00

Janitors' Services

\$2,400.00	\$2,520.67	High School	\$2,600.00
2,400.00	2,520.67	Elementary Schools	2,600.00
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\$4,800.00	\$5,041.34	Total, Janitors' Services	\$5,200.00

Plant Maintenance

\$350.00	\$402.34	Janitors' Supplies	\$400.00
2,417.00	2,363.59	Elem. School Repairs	875.00
200.00	183.60	Equipment Repairs	200.00
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\$2,967.00	\$2,949.53	Total, Plant Maint.	\$1,475.00

Heat, Light and Power

\$1,100.00	\$1,028.09	High School	\$1,100.00
70.00	45.00	H. School, Vocational	70.00
2,650.00	2,178.21	Elementary Schools	2,650.00
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\$3,820.00	\$3,251.30	Total, H., Light, Power	\$3,820.00

Transportation

\$4,914.00	\$4,942.50	Regular daily	\$5,589.00
450.00	456.04	Athletic and other	800.00
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\$5,364.00	\$5,398.54	Total, Transportation	\$6,389.00

School Health

\$1,390.00	\$1,033.42	Salary of Nurse	\$1,140.00
50.00	57.76	Supplies	150.00
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\$1,440.00	\$1,091.18	Total, School Health	\$1,290.00

Administration

\$4,055.00	\$2,847.28	Supt. of schools	\$1,172.00
200.00	213.96	Telephone	260.00
300.00	246.45	Expense Accounts	200.00
50.00	55.08	Postage, Ptg., Stat.	50.00
50.00	50.00	School Census	50.00
150.00	85.00	Clerk (part-time)	200.00
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\$4,805.00	\$3,497.77	Total, Administration	\$1,932.00

Physical Education

\$250.00	\$172.13	Equipment, Supplies	\$200.00
150.00	133.85	Towels	150.00
500.00	498.53	H. School Athletics	none
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\$900.00	\$804.51	Total, Physical Education	\$350.00

Other Expenses

\$75.00	\$89.06	Graduation	\$100.00
150.00	436.50	Athletic Insurance	380.00
25.00	27.90	Gen. Liab. Insurance	30.00
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\$250.00	\$503.46	Total, Other Expenses	\$510.00
\$83,330.38	\$82,997.22	Grand Total, Schools	\$88,047.21

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952-1953

- Sept. 2, 1952 Tuesday—Staff meeting 10:00 A. M.
Center School Library
- Sept. 3, 1952 Wednesday—Schools open with full sessions
- Oct. 10, 1952—Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention
- Oct. 13, 1952—Monday—Schools closed—Columbus Day
- Nov. 11, 1952 Tuesday—Schools closed—Armistice Day
- Nov. 26, 1952 Wednesday—Schools closed at noon—beginning of Thanksgiving holidays
- Dec. 1, 1952 Monday—Schools open
- Dec. 24, 1952—Wednesday—Schools closed—beginning of Christmas holidays
- Jan. 5, 1953 Monday—Schools open
- Feb. 23, 1953 Monday—Schools closed—beginning of winter vacation
- March 2, 1953 Monday—Schools open
- April 3, 1953 Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday
- April 20, 1953 Monday—Schools closed—beginning of spring vacation
- April 27, 1953 Monday—Schools open
- June 12, 1953 Friday—Elementary School Graduation
Elementary Schools close
- June 15, 1953 Monday—Cafeteria closes—
- June 16, 1953 Tuesday—High School Class Day
- June 17, 1953 Wednesday—High School Graduation—
School closes
- Elementary School—179 days
- High School—181 days

Approved by the School Committee

June 9, 1952

School Enrollment—October 1, 1952

Center Elementary School by Grades

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1951	35	38	35	36	28	18	22	22
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21

Comparative Totals for Center School

Year	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Total Pupils	224	229	243	233	234	256

Smith Academy Enrollment by Classes

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
1950	23	24	17	14	78
1951	25	26	20	17	88
1952	18	25	21	20	84

Totals for Hatfield Public Schools

Year	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Totals	296	300	317	311	322	340

School Census

As of October 1, 1952

	Boys	Girls	Total
From five to seven years	41	47	88
From seven to sixteen years	148	118	266
Total by sex	189	165	354

Comparative Totals for Five-Year Period

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
From 5 to 7 years	56	74	81	62	88
From 7 to 16 yrs.	257	249	257	255	266
Totals	313	323	338	317	354

“NO SCHOOL” SIGNAL

It is the policy of the Hatfield School Department to hold regular sessions on mornings when it is practicable to operate the school buses. Parents are asked to use their own discretion as to the wisdom of sending their children on stormy mornings. In other words, the safety of the bus pupils shall be the deciding factor in determining whether or not school shall be held on a questionable, stormy day.

In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel school sessions, the “No School Signal” will be broadcast over radio station WHMP (1400 on the dial) on the Dawn Patrol program at 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00 and 8:15 in the morning.

Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

In several earlier reports I have spoken of the work attempted by our elementary school in the field of reading. Therefore, it seems fitting that the opening paragraph of this report should carry an announcement to the effect that in some measure, the reading ability of our upper grade students appears improved. One good indication of this is brought to light by children often answering their own questions and solving their problems through reference reading. True, some pupils read just well enough to meet the minimum requirements for their grade level. Pupils who are left to themselves without further help in reading may get a very low return on this investment.

There remains in many places the belief that junior-high school pupils need very little guidance in reading. The idea is fairly prevalent that a sufficient level of skill in reading is achieved at the completion of the sixth grade and that further instruction in reading is a waste of time. We all too readily accept the idea that "reading to learn" occurs in the upper grades, after pupils have "learned to read," in the lower grades.

Pupils may leave the middle grades able to handle without undue difficulty the material in those grades. Some people, however, find in their upper-grade work heavier vocabularies, new technical terms and materials, presenting a greater number of abstract and unfamiliar

concepts. Therefore, while we can give a report of progress, we shall continue to place emphasis on reading ability.

The teachers of Center School are engaged in a search for a curriculum of social studies applicable to our set-up. We have apparently embarked on this project at a most opportune time, not through choice but by reason of necessity. Every teachers' magazine or professional periodical received by us the past month has had at least one article or study on social conditions, i. e., "Democracy as an Issue in School Administration," "The Content of the Social Studies Program" or "Evaluation of the Social Studies in the Elementary School."

There is a good deal of debate as to the title to be given any social study. However, this writer likes the term social science. Under such a heading we might be justified in keeping courses of geography. Whatever we use as a title, we realize many standards of conduct have broken down in almost every aspect of society, so that it is difficult, if not impossible, for people to know in concrete social situations what they should do. "In a conflict between labor and management, what stand or stands should be taken."

Last June the children of grades six and eight, with their teachers, instituted a phase of school work that may pay large dividends. The pupils and teachers traveled to the capital city of our state and spent the day becoming familiar with some historical places and famous exhibitions. The outline of the trip reads as follows:

State House

Children welcomed by Secretary of State Cronin.
Guided tour of Governor's office and council chambers.

Museum of Natural History

Exhibit of original Leonardo de Vinci inventions. Snake and porcupine exhibit. Models of chemical plants. Atomic display.

U. S. Constitution—Guided tour of the ship.

Bunker Hill Monument—Climbed to summit and enjoyed the view.

Museum of Fine Arts—Exhibits of famous painters and sculptors. Displays of ancient civilizations.

Another Boston trip is planned for this year with a change of itinerary. Such a school project truly comes within the category of social science.

The position of school nurse is now being filled on a full school-time basis, with the new health center established on the second floor of the Center School. This service, along with our hot lunch program, tends to point up the fifth cardinal principle of education, "To conserve, advance and establish the physical and mental health of each pupil.

Twenty-six students received certificates at our class day in June. As of September, all twenty-six people were continuing their schooling. This in itself speaks well for the associations between school, home, parent and pupil.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND N. JENNESS,

Principal, Center Schools.

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and the School Committee:

School Health Education is a vital part of the whole educational process by which each child is guided and helped in his efforts to achieve his maximum development. The three large-scale operations in a school health program are: provision for health instruction, provision of health and medical service, the providing of conditions conducive to healthful living in school.

In the field of health instruction belong the functions concerned with the acquirement by the child of the knowledge, understanding, habits, skills, and attitudes which are necessary for the appreciation of, desire for, and state of, good health. The school health services include the determination of the child's health by the school physician and measures taken for the prevention or correction of adverse physical conditions; the daily health inspections by the classroom teachers for signs of communicable disease and physical defects which arise between medical examinations; and the handling of emergency illness and accidents. School health is concerned with healthful living conditions including the physical, mental and emotional environment of the child while in school.

Recent physical examinations revealed that the general health of each child was good. Parents were notified of the physical defects and arrangements were made for corrections. Conferences were held with the teachers for further observations of children with the defects.

A dental clinic was held in the spring. Many children attended this clinic and had dental work done. Members of the Parent-Teachers Council assisted with the clerical work during this clinic.

The only communicable diseases reported during the school year were measles and whooping cough. Several children who were exposed to the measles received the anti-measles globulin injection from their family physicians.

Four girls and three boys enjoyed a four-weeks' stay at Camp Hodgkins this summer. A report from the camp staff revealed that each child was X-rayed and the findings were negative.

In May, 47 children were registered for the first grade. At this time parents submitted information in regard to the past health of the child and any condition at that time that would warrant attention during the school year.

A course in Home Nursing, Child Care, and Personal Hygiene was started for freshman girls at the high school.

During my term as your school nurse, I attended two conferences for school nurses at the Northampton high school on the new school health law. Discussions relative to the law included the following recommendations:

1. Vision and auditory testing of each child in the first grade and every second year thereafter.
2. Child's height and weight to be measured annually.
3. Stress was given to the importance of the presence of a parent during physical examinations; these examinations to be done during the first year of entrance and at intervals of 3 or 4 years thereafter.

Part of the health program now nearing completion is the individual testing of the pupil's eyes. This is done with the Massachusetts Vision Test, a highly accurate device for screening school children's eyes. Those students that pass the test are not handicapped as far as vision is concerned. Those individuals that fail to pass the test are rechecked. Any one failing the second examination is advised to see their eye specialist. As with the physical examination, parents are invited to discuss the results of these tests with the school authorities.

Hearing testing will follow some time during the beginning of the year. Plans are being made to conduct a Tuberculin Test and X-ray clinic in the near future.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the teachers, parents, superintendent and school committee for the interest and cooperation given to me. To Dr. Robert Byrne and Dr. Alfred Kaiser, I express my gratefulness for their interest, advice and support in the successful inauguration of all these desirable health activities.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R. N.

Visiting Nurse

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

It is with pleasure that we submit to you, our sponsors, the following report of the Visiting Nurse Association.

The total number of visits made by Mrs. Godek were 478, which are classified as follows:

Chronic Medical	278
Acute Medical	44
Surgical	58
New Born	17
Child Welfare	36
Public Health	45
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Total	478

In addition to the above work, two Well Child Clinics were held in the community room. In May, Dr. Claire Manwell of Northampton examined 46 children and in October, Dr. Stephen Brown, also of Northampton, examined 46 children. Mrs. Rose Schoonmaker of Amherst was nutritionist at both clinics.

Our expenses and receipts for 1952 were:

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1952	\$680.39
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Receipts from:

Visiting Nurse
Town

\$347.00

1,000.00

Total Receipts

\$1,347.00

Total Cash

\$2,027.39

Expenses:

Nurse's Salary

\$1,300.00

Mileage

97.43

Telephone

21.00

Printing of checks

2.25

Social Security

18.84

Bank Charge

1.23

Total Expense

\$1,440.75

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1953

\$586.64

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL I. BYRNE,

Chairman, Nursing Advisory Committee.

Vocational Agricultural Department

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of
Hatfield:

It is a pleasure for me to submit my second report concerning the Hatfield Vocational Agricultural program.

In my opinion, farming is no longer a trade in which skill is the only desirable teaching objective. What is needed today and tomorrow is a trained mind and a broad understanding of the fundamentals of agriculture and enough vocational training so that the beginner will know enough about farming procedures to make a creditable start.

Because of this fact, the University of Massachusetts and the State Department of Vocational Education make it possible for superior students of agriculture to be considered for admission to a four-year college training leading to the degree of Bachelor of Vocational Education. These students may study in the fields of floriculture, poultry, animal husbandry, olericulture, pomology and dairying.

Our courses in your high school are as practical as we can make them, including farm work and real vocational experiences such as arc welding, woodworking, machine maintenance, etc., with enough academic work to understand, but not defeat, a practical training for farming.

Our program for the year 1951-1952 included the following activities and outstanding results:

1. 90% participation in ownership projects and other supervised farm work.

2. Cooperation in school and community with apple spray program, soil testing, milk testing, and treatment of poultry flocks for coccidiosis control. Installation of F.F.A. chapter officers for Smith Agricultural school. Care and maintenance of athletic field for the year.

3. Leadership in state and national contests:

1st place Eastern States egg judging contest—winning team and two highest individuals in the state,

State team for NEPPCO egg judging contest, Harrisburg, Pa., finishing third in 13 states.

Highest scoring boy in the state at the Interscholastic poultry judging at the University of Massachusetts and fourth place as a team, fifth place as a team in the Interscholastic vegetable judging contest,

First place exhibit to represent state of Massachusetts at National FFA convention, Kansas City, Mo.

In concluding my report I would like to once again thank all those who have helped to make the agricultural program work and improve its objectives to set the stage for our children's benefit.

GEORGE C. FEIKER,

Instructor.

School Savings Representative

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the
Hatfield School Committee:

May I take this opportunity to again report on your
School Savings Program in the Hatfield schools.

As has been stated before, this program is conducted
by the three mutual savings banks—Florence Savings
Bank, Nonotuck Savings Bank and Northampton Inst. tu-
tion for Savings.

Banking has been conducted each Tuesday since the
first bank day in Hatfield, May 23, 1950, with the excep-
tion of the Tuesdays set aside for the transferring of
money to regular savings accounts.

There are now 250 accounts in Hatfield. This in-
cludes Center school and a few in the freshman and scpho-
more classes in Smith Academy. School Street starts
banking each year some time in January.

The sum banked by school children last year—from
September, 1951, to June, 1952—was \$3,230.05. The
amount transferred to regular savings accounts for the
same period was \$3,156.35. These figures show an in-
crease over the previous year; however, the percentage
of participation is a little lower, 40.8%.

We should like again to express our appreciation to
Mr. Jenness for his splendid cooperation. So much de-
pends upon Mr. Jenness' enthusiasm and assistance.

May we also thank the teachers for their cooperation and help in impressing upon the children the importance of opening school savings accounts.

We hope that the children will realize more and more the value of thrift in their daily lives and form the habit of saving something, no matter how little, each week.

VIOLETTE S. CONNORS,

School Savings Director.

Physical Director

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

I hereby submit my annual report as Director of Physical Education in the public schools of Hatfield.

The school year was marked by the usual organization and development of the physical education program along practically the same lines of activities as in the past—with a few noticeable changes in the curriculum. However, in the main, the pattern of construction of the daily activities was divided into the three phases, namely, Fall Activities, Winter Activities and Spring Activities.

Again, we can report that the year was a very successful one. Every phase of the diversified activities' program proved very popular and worthwhile among the students. Through observations made during the physical education periods, the writer has often diagnosed the reasons for behavior patterns, for instance, and in a good many cases directed the student's needs by prescribing an activity or diverting his interests to overcoming his difficulties. In some instances certain activities have had their shortcomings; these will have to be corrected as time and facilities provide.

However, it is hoped that the needs, desires, and the interests of each individual child have been met to a certain degree, especially in the lower grades, where the physical education program is of paramount importance. It is apparent at this particular stage of a child's life that

every activity is a challenge, and if met successfully, results in complete enjoyment and satisfaction. In the case of the boy, he acquires the basic skills necessary to attempt many other types of newer and more complex endeavors. Complete co-ordination of mind and body is the end result. As for a girl, she, too, develops poise and grace of movement through proper body mechanics.

As will be noted, no attempt has been made to build a complete curriculum in physical education, due to the existence of certain changes that go on during the course of the program. The writer has been interested in applying the techniques of a modified curriculum construction to a given situation, e. g., limiting himself for the most part to the so-called Junior High School grades. In other words, it is my strong conviction that instruction should cover a broader number of activities, so that the students in these grammar grades may find their interests and develop new ones as they are introduced to them. Eventually, it is hoped that mastery of these various skills, as above mentioned, would then be secured over a period of years. Above all, the primary aim of all education is to develop in a child those physical, social, emotional, and mental qualities so essential to a well-adjusted life later on.

Curriculum Change

In an attempt to further broaden our physical education program and, at the same time take full advantage of modern methods of teaching in physical education, Mr. Getchell secured the services of Mr. Ellis Ring, of Springfield College, to do some practice teaching under the direct supervision of the writer. As a result, both the high school and junior high school "phys-ed" spring schedules had to be revised for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Values and Contributions of Physical Education

It has been my experience in teaching physical education that the keynote of this curriculum construction is, and always will be, variety in the activities presented to the individual students; that a program of this nature ought to be broad enough to interest everyone who desires to enter into it. Just because a student sees a new thing does not necessarily make it good or bad; the opposite might prove to be true. However, these things should not be retained or rejected from the program solely on the basis of "traditionally old-fashioned," as some students have demonstrated time and again. We must all learn to evaluate and to accept only those things which seem to be of the most value to us in the light of the evidence presented. Therefore, in view of this evidence, our philosophies can more or less be thought of as changing from day to day, as new knowledge is presented. This attribute of "openmindedness" on the part of the student teaches him something; he learns to develop a fuller and more meaningful life later on.

JOHN SYMANCYK,

Director of Physical Education.

Supervisor of Music

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the
School Board of Hatfield:

I hereby submit my annual report of the music program in our schools.

All normal children enjoy music in some of its many forms. They enter school with various musical experiences and ability, some can sing sweetly with true pitch, some can scarcely sing at all, some respond easily to the rhythmic sway of music, while others are apparently unmoved. Practically all, however, enjoy music of some form or other and introducing music into each day's program helps greatly in making school a happy place.

Our first experience in building our school music program is instilling a love and understanding of music in each child. After listening to songs led by the more naturally musical children, all want to sing the attractive songs which they have heard.

It is most interesting to hear and know that so many children develop pitch, rhythm, and ability to read music intelligently with increasing difficulty grade by grade.

May I insert here a plea to parents and older members of the family that you never use, especially before the child, the expression, "This child cannot sing. He is like 'some member of the family.'" Every child wants to sing and this is most unkind and has been known to shake the child's self-confidence, not only in musical ability but in many phases in the child's life. We must encourage

confidence and pride in doing things well in the life of the child.

We strive for perfection in this great field for "Expect perfection and get something, expect little and you get much less." Therefore, we strive for the best in our course of music; namely, pitch, rhythm, dynamics, reading and listening intelligently.

Music also reviews many subjects taught in school as physical education—posture, breathing—as well as clear enunciation, history, geography, reading, writing, drawing, arithmetic, English, and many other subjects.

We strive for a good understanding and presentation in pitch, rhythm, phrasing, and tone quality. To cover all this field we need more time in the upper grades.

The choral club in Smith Academy has increased in membership this year. We would like more boys to join so as to strengthen the bass and tenor sections. More time has been allotted to us this year in the high school and we hope to show better results.

The music programs presented in various public affairs were along the usual lines.

The choral clubs from the Center School Junior High and Smith Academy prepared programs faithfully and presented them at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival held in Athol in May. We had the splendid support of all the school officials.

I feel that the time and effort spent in preparing these programs and the participation in the Festival was a most valuable and helpful experience and we feel that it was a job well done. As in past years the conduct of the entire group was in itself wonderful.

However, it is not pleasing to the Festival committee that some of the choral groups are not in uniform or some very individual form of dress. To be sure, this could be overcome with good co-operation.

However, we do know that these two groups did very fine singing and after all, that should be the goal.

My sincerest appreciation and thanks to our superintendent and members of the school board. I make special mention also of the fine co-operation in preparing the program and in accompanying the group to Athol of Mrs. Breor, Miss Kiley, and Miss Kempisty; also, all principals, teachers, and the student body of Hatfield for their fine attitude and efforts which makes teaching music in Hatfield a great pleasure.

MAUDE E. BOYLE,

Supervisor of Music.

School Lunch

To the Superintendent and the School Committee of
Hatfield:

Through careful planning by the school lunch staff, plus additional allotments of meat by the federal school lunch program, it was again possible for the school children to be served wholesome, nutritious meals without the necessity of increasing the charge for each meal served.

Mrs. Minnie Brennan, who had headed our kitchen staff, resigned in October upon reaching the retirement age. Mrs. Anna Mullins assumed the position of school lunch supervisor and Mrs. Irene Labbee moved to a full time worker. Mrs. Labbee has been a substitute for our food handling staff for several years.

The following information gives a numerical picture of our school lunch activity:

Month	No. of Lunch Days	No. of Meals Served
January	22	5228
February	18	4044
March	21	4529
April	16	3657
May	21	4866
June	7	1256
September	20	5449
October	21	5281
November	17	4164
December	17	4371
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 180	<hr/> 43025

The 43,025 meals, served to children in the year 1952, if compared with the 40,746 served the previous year, show an increase of 2,279 meals served over the previous year.

School Lunch

Receipts:

Balance on hand January 1, 1952	
(Coll.)	\$6,946.83
Collections during 1952	7,190.12
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Total (Collection a/c)	\$14,136.95

Payments:

From Collection a/c	
Wages	\$2,497.50
Food	4,098.41
Fuel	99.60
Miscellaneous Supplies	180.85
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Total Payments from Collections	\$6,876.36

Balance January 1, 1953 (Collection a/c)	<hr/> \$7,260.59
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Commodity Distribution Fund

Receipts:

Receipts, 1952	\$3,824.29
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Payments:

Wages	\$1,410.00
Food	2,374.79
Fuel	7.50
Miscellaneous Supplies	27.00
Repairs to Equipment	5.00
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Total Payments	\$3,824.29
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RAYMOND N. JENNESS,
Director, Hatfield School Lunch.

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1952-1953

Smith Academy

	Yrs. of Exp. in Exp. Hatfield	
Russell Bastin, A.B., M.A., (St. Anselm's College), Basketball Coach, U. S. His- tory, English, Business Training, World History, Guidance	3	2
George C. Feiker, B.S., (Univ. of Mass.), Agriculture	4	3
Florence Muller, A.B. (Wheaton College), Coach, French I, II, III, Plane Geome- try, Algebra I, II	18	10
Margaret Pruzynski, (McCarthy Business College), Typing, Shorthand, Book- keeping, Secretarial Practice	17	17
Mary E. Ryan, A.B. (Smith College), Eng- lish, Dramatics	33	32
Mary A. Spakowski, B.S. (Univ. of Mass.) Biology, Home Economics	5	5
John Symancyk, B.S., Ass't Prin., Coach, Phys. Ed., Problems of Democracy, General Science, General Mathematics	7	7

Center School

Raymond N. Jenness, B.S. Ed., M.S. Ed., (Bridgewater Teachers, U. of M.) Principal, General Science	22	17
Martha Boyle (North Adams Normal) Grade 2	22	13

Dorothy B. Breor, B.S. Ed. (Bridgewater Teachers College), English, Grade 6, 7, 8	12	12
Mary D. Donelson (Framingham Normal), Grade 3	37	35
Hilda C. Fortsch (Framingham Normal), Grade 4	11	11
Jean T. Kempisty, B.S., Ed. (Westfield Teachers College, Math., Grade 6, 7, 8	14	14
Sarah V. Kiley (Westfield Normal), History, Geography, Grade 6, 7, 8	45	44
Constance B. Mullany (Smith Academy), Grade 5	36	36

School Street School

Sophie Filipkowski (North Adams Teachers College), Grade 1	10	5
Lena P. Fitzgerald (North Adams Normal), Grade 1	38	38

Superintendent of Schools and High School Principal

John C. Jakobek, A.B., M.A., (University of Mass., West State, Union)	10	9
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1953

SELECTMEN

John Cernak, Chairman
George W. Rogalewski John J. Fortsch

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Wodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mitchell W. Kempisty, Chairman
Daniel Omasta, Jr. John W. Mullins, Jr.

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman
Zygmunt S. Jaworski John Osley, Jr.

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Henry F. Kulesza, Chairman
Rupert Harubin Michael Yanginski

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chairman

Henry W. Wolfram

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah V. Kiley, Chairman

Jean Kempisty

Frank T. Woodward

ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Frank T. Woodward

TREE WARDEN

Francis Godin

HATFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman

Frank T. Woodward

George W. Rogalewski

Edward Korza

Stanley J. Filipek

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph V. Porada, Chairman

Luther A. Belden

William E. Boyle

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Howard B. Abbott, Chairman

Joseph Pelc

Peter S. Rogaleski

Edward T. Kostek

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude B. Rogaleski

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Francis Godin

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

William J. Sheehan

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Ralph Pickett

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

COLLECTOR WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

Lucille Godek

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

John Wentzel

Henry Donnis

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

James E. McGrath

DOG OFFICER

James E. McGrath

CONSTABLES

James E. McGrath
 Peter Kubosiak
 Joseph S. Wilkes

Thomas Shea
 Stanley J. Filipek
 Mitchell Kempisty

POLICE OFFICERS

Francis Godin
 Henry Kosakowski
 Anthony Malinowski
 Edward Dugal
 William Podmayer
 Simeon M. Bourdon

George Omasta
 Waclaw Yanucik
 Peter Malinowski
 Edward Breor
 John Brennan
 Stanley Prucnal
 Kenneth Carpenter

FIRE CHIEF

Michael J. Yarrows

FIREFIGHTERS

Arthur Brassord, Asst. Chief
 Francis McGrath, Capt.
 Arthur Smith, Lieut.
 Edward Breor
 Thomas Mullany
 Herbert Smith
 Raymond Balise
 William Boyle
 John Cernak
 Marcus Boyle
 Joseph Wendlowski
 Henry Kosakowski
 Peter Kubosiak
 Alfred Proulx

Francis Godin
 Mitchell Kempisty
 Joseph Krawczyk
 Martin Brassord
 William Betsold
 Frank Romanowski
 Edward Skarpetowski
 John Fortsch
 George W. Rogalewski
 John Gizienski
 Frank Zawacki
 Thomas Sheehan
 Raymond Jenness
 Marcus Mullins

North Hatfield

Ralph Pickett, Capt.
 Rudolph Mathieu
 Richard Belden
 Clifford Belden, Jr.
 Philip Maiewski
 Donald Mathieu
 John Maslowski

Charles Belden
 Albert Omasta
 Steve Duga
 Thomas Smith, Jr.
 Edward Wroblewski
 Herman Southard
 Merrill Siemionko

Michael Omasta

TOWN OF HATFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

INCORPORATED 1670

AREA 8900 Acres

ELEVATION 132 feet at Main Street

POPULATION 1950 Census 2178

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
 SECOND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.,
 Chesterfield, Mass.

**STATE SENATOR
 FRANKLIN AND HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT**

Ralph C. Mahar
 Orange, Mass.

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.
John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday, the 15th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles:

Article 1. To chose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; Moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for two years and one member of the Hatfield Housing Authority for five years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the amounts received from the Dog Fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the Town Treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108, of Chapter 41, General Laws or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,774.33 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the County Commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter

32, General Laws, as amended and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00, for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00, the state and county share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state and county, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state and county share to be taken from Surplus Revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the state's share in anticipation of reimbursement from the state, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state's share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00, the town's share, for new construction on Elm Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$350.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,365.00 for the support of a Visiting Nurse, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of twenty-five including the school committee and the superintendent of schools to study the school building needs for the town; this committee is to report back to the town on or before the next annual town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to install street lights in locations as follows:

Maple Street—East side of Bonneville Bridge.

Maple Street—in front of Tony's Service Station.

West Street, North Hatfield—in front of Frank Malinowski, Jr. residence.

Mountain Road, North Hatfield—west end of Mountain Road Bridge.

Main Street—near residence of Ernest Roberts.

Chestnut Street—in front of Paul Cernak's residence.

Elm Street—in front of Michael Dulaski's residence.

Cronin Hill Road, Bradstreet—in front of Rupert Englehardt's residence.

North Street—in front of Anthony Zembiski's residence at junction of Plain Road and West Street, North Hatfield, or take any action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 for the laying of a sewer at the westerly end of Elm Street and the installation of septic tanks or construction of filter beds, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain a certain tract of land containing 11 acres more or less, belonging to Tobie Slosman and situated on the southerly side of Elm Street at the Hatfield-Northampton line and to appropriate from the Rehabilitation Fund the sum of \$1,880.76 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$919.24, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 for laying an 8" Water Line and renewing services from Dwight Street to residence of Joseph Pelc, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell the tract of land situated on the northerly side of Elm Street at the Hatfield-Northampton line, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$17,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck and that the moderator name three members to a committee of seven to include the selectmen and the fire chief to make the purchase, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 to extend the water main on West Street, West Hatfield in a south-

erly direction to the Dairy Queen building, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$300.00 for the maintenance of the Center School Athletic Field, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for dike repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a used Case Loader, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$500.00, said sum together with the \$643.98 in the Library Building Repair Fund and the \$786.99 in the Hatfield Library Trust Fund, be used to make available an additional room in the Hatfield Public Library, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer under the provisions of Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows:

Highway General \$46.35; Assessors' Expense \$41.56 and Vocational Tuition \$3.00, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

JOHN CERNAK,

GEORGE W. ROGALEWSKI,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

Selectmen of Hatfield.

Report of Finance Committee

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	1953 Approp.	Amount Spent	1953 Request	Recom- mended
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1954	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1954, 3 @	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	45.84	150.00	150.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary, Jan. 1, 1954	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
6. Accountant's Expense	125.00	122.45	125.00	125.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1954	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	425.00	502.90	475.00	475.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1954	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	450.00	594.66	550.00	550.00
11. Assessors' Salary, Jan. 1, 1954, 3 @	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	332.55	400.00	400.00

13.	Attorney's Fees	200.00			200.00
14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1954	1,650.00	1,650.00		1,775.00
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	300.00	290.71		350.00
16.	Election and Registration	750.00	687.77		650.00
17.	Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00		10.00
18.	Town Hall	5,800.00	5,657.83		6,000.00
19.	Police	1,200.00	1,173.65		1,200.00
20.	Fire Department	2,500.00	2,929.64		2,500.00
21.	Tree Work	1,500.00	1,476.44		1,600.00
22.	Moth Work	1,307.00	1,706.40		1,307.00
23.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas., Salary	200.00	200.00		200.00
24.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas., Expense	125.00	218.08		100.00
25.	Public Health	3,000.00	1,576.52		1,000.00
26.	School Physician	300.00	300.00		300.00
27.	Insp. of Animals & Slaughter	550.00	550.00		550.00
28.	Insp. Children, Pre-School	100.00	100.00		100.00
29.	Insp. Children, Tuberculosis	75.00			75.00
30.	Highway, General	6,250.00	6,345.81		6,250.00

31.	Highway, Chap. 81	8,500.00	21,515.20	8,500.00	8,500.00
32.	Highway, Chapter 81 from Surplus Revenue	13,750.00		13,750.00	13,750.00
33.	Highway, Chap. 90 Maint.	600.00	1,497.90	1,300.00	1,300.00
34.	Highway, Chap. 90 Maint. from Surplus Revenue	1,200.00		2,600.00	2,600.00
35.	Machinery Operating	3,000.00	2,620.36	3,000.00	3,000.00
36.	Street Lights	4,100.00	3,822.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
37.	Public Welfare	3,000.00	2,876.72	3,500.00	3,500.00
38.	Disability Assistance	3,000.00	2,778.41	3,500.00	3,500.00
39.	Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00	2,453.17	3,500.00	3,500.00
40.	Old Age Assistance	10,000.00	12,141.80	12,000.00	12,000.00
41.	Veterans' Benefits	200.00	555.59	1,500.00	1,500.00
42.	School Committee Expense	100.00	26.00	100.00	100.00
43.	Schools	87,047.21	84,034.43	92,974.00	92,974.00
44.	Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	2,000.00	1,676.47	2,000.00	2,000.00
45.	Library	2,500.00	2,779.11	3,000.00	3,000.00
46.	Memorial Day	300.00	275.40	300.00	300.00

47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00
48.	Print and Deliver Town Reports	500.00	550.00	550.00
49.	Telephone	250.00	250.00	250.00
50.	Unclassified	100.00	100.00	100.00
51.	Binding Town Records	50.00	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
53.	Reserve Fund fr. Overlay Surplus	2,800.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
54.	Water Commissioners' Salary, Jan. 1, 1954	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Chairman	\$250.00		
	2 Members, each	175.00		
	from Surplus Revenue			
55.	Water Dept. from Surplus Revenue	4,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
56.	Cemeteries	800.00	800.00	800.00
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1954, \$1.60 per hour			

58. Water Mains Loans:

Fr. Water Av.

Surplus \$11,800.00

Surplus Rev. 2,197.33

59. Interest, Water Mains Loan

Fr. Surplus Revenue

11,998.47

1,673.50

13,997.33

1,607.50

13,997.33

1,607.50

\$202,936.18

\$36,021.97

\$199,608.21

\$224,820.83

46,054.83

\$224,520.83

46,054.83

From Available Funds

\$166,914.21

\$178,766.00

\$178,466.00

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JOSEPH V. PORADA, Chairman,

LUTHER A. BELDEN,

WILLIAM E. BOYLE,

Finance Committee.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The Selectmen of Hatfield wish to thank all the town officials and the citizens for their cooperation in 1953.

Selectmen's activities during the year 1953, were confined mostly to routine matters.

On a questionnaire sent to us by the Pioneer Valley Association seeking industrial sites, we suggested three plots of land situated near the railroad, and the main highway, which we thought would make good industrial sites.

We petitioned the State Dept. of Public Works Chapter 91, for a rip-rap on the Connecticut river bank, at the foot of Bridge Road near the tower. The river at that point, is eating into the bank, and if the spring floods continue eating the bank as in past years, we feel it may cause considerable damage to the South Street section and the meadows. The state engineer estimated the cost of 1200 feet of rip-rap at \$15,000. The state share \$7,500., Town share \$7,500. We are planning to do half of the project this year at a cost of \$3,500 State and \$3,500 town. We also petitioned the County Commissioners and they have granted us \$1,000 towards the complete project.

We have not been able to make much progress on Sunset Avenue, due to the fact that the seller and the attorney haven't signed the necessary papers. Until this is done, we are not able to get a clear deed.

The work of spraying the town highway shade trees was done at the proper time. The mountain section which was infested with Gypsy Moth was sprayed a little late but it was not due to the fault of either the Selectmen or Tree Warden.

At a meeting at Northampton, it was agreed that the State would spray the disaster areas of Hatfield, Northampton, and Easthampton. Later these towns were notified that the State had decided not to spray these or other areas in 1953.

We then contacted the Tree Warden, Water Commissioners, and the Supt. of Water Dept. and with the aid of a spraying company had the mountain section sprayed.

We hope that in 1954, the State, Counties and Towns will be granted the sum needed for spraying at the proper time.

The new construction for 1953, was the completion of the Mountain Road Bridge, with rip-rap placed on the river banks next to the bridge, to protect the bridge abutments. Total cost of this project \$48,255.31.

Mountain Road was widened and straightened from the main highway to the approach, plus 300 feet beyond the other side of the bridge.

Elm Street is completed about one third of the way, at cost of \$16,280.63. We plan to continue the project from the Northampton line towards Hatfield. The reason for this is because of the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer which we are planning to empty into Little Neponsett Brook. We feel this is a good spot for a septic tank or a filter bed, whichever the state allows us to build.

Not only has the Supt. of Roads and his men done a good job on our town roads, but they have also done a good job on our trees, at a savings of labor and equipment to the town.

The highway dept. widened Pantry Road by Marsh's and Sadoski's residence. This spot was very narrow and dangerous. Prospect Street near the old Walsh residence was also widened.

We advertized for a new dump truck, for the town, which was to be equipped for plowing snow. We received four bids and we purchased a truck from the Hatfield Garage, who was the lowest bidder.

In as much as Northampton will be celebrating their 300th anniversary this year, we feel that the town should participate in the celebration, by entering a float in the parade.

We appointed James E. McGrath, Police Chief, to succeed his father, James L. McGrath, who passed away in 1953.

One Special Town Meeting was held in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CERNAK,

GEORGE W. ROGALEWSKI,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

Selectmen of Hatfield.

List of Jurors

1.	Henry Betsold	Clerk
2.	William Blyda	Asst. Administrator
3.	Alberta Bryant	Housewife
4.	Anne N. Cernak	Housewife
5.	Edward S. Dickinson	Poultryman
6.	Henry Donnis	Lumberman
7.	John P. Donnis	Butcher
8.	Michael J. Filipek	Foreman
9.	John W. Mullins, Sr.	Farmer
10.	Thomas J. O'Dea	Farmer
11.	John Osley, Jr.	Contractor
12.	Rita J. Osley	Housewife
13.	William Parmeter	Garage Owner
14.	Joseph J. Pelc	Farmer
15.	Antonia Porada	Housewife
16.	Alexander T. Rogalewski	Farmer
17.	Margaret R. Shea	Housewife
18.	Anthony Sikorski	Garage Owner
19.	Anna Stefancik	Housewife
20.	Herman Strong	Restaurateur
21.	William Symanski	Lumberman
22.	Frank T. Woodward	Insurance Agent
23.	John Zack	Farmer
24.	Anna Zapka	Housewife

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1953

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	21	17	17
Female	22		6
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	43	17	23

Preceding Five Years

1952	36	32	20
1951	58	29	29
1950	44	36	15
1949	49	33	24
1948	44	50	21

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1953	117	367
1952	171	407
1951	118	389
1950	166	379
1949	158	416

License	Number	Amount
Junk	2	\$16.00
Auto Dealer	3	75.00
Cabin	5	7.50
Slaughter	1	1.00
Pin Ball	2	34.00
Common Victualler	13	13.00
Milk	5	3.00
Oleo	2	1.00
Sale of Firearms	3	3.00
Sunday Entertainment	133	57.00
Gasoline Registration	11	5.50
Beer Permit	16	40.00
Lord's Day	16	16.00
Liquor	17	6,350.00

ELECTIONS

Registered Voters January 1, 1953	1263
Voted at Annual Election February 16, 1953	791
Registered Voters December 31, 1953	1238

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

1953

Special Town Meeting — August 20, 1953

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, or any other amount for the purpose of laying an eight inch water main on Elm Street, from the residence of Mrs. Thaddeus Graves in a westerly direction approximately 1400 feet and determine whether the money shall be provided by the issuance of bonds or notes under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 1. Voted that the sum of \$6,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of laying an eight inch water main on Elm Street from the residence of Mrs. Thaddeus Graves approximately 1400 feet in a westerly direction, and that to meet said appropriation, the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$6,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid within one year from the date of the first bond or note. Unanimous vote 4 to 0.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$1,175.00 for the purpose of renewing water services on Elm Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$1,175.00 for the purpose of renewing water services on Elm Street.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$500.00 to the water department maintenance account, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$500.00 to the water department maintenance account.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$500.00 to the 14" water main account, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$500.00 to the 14" water main account.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$750.00 to the veterans' benefits account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$750.00 to the veterans' benefits account.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$1,500.00 to the old age assistance account, or act anything thereon.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$1,500.00 to the old age assistance account.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$800.00 to the insurance account, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$800.00 to the insurance account.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$429.00 for the payment of an unpaid bill of 1952 for public health, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$429.00 for the payment of an unpaid bill of 1952 for public health.

Attest: P. S. Rogaleski,
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

P. S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In Account with the Town of Hatfield

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$108,151.21
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Receipts for 1953:

January	\$34,761.06
February	16,098.80
March	8,916.68
April	3,584.81
May	21,896.60
June	37,487.57
July	33,500.14
August	10,350.01
September	32,185.24
October	57,104.85
November	34,896.31
December	39,063.27
	<hr/> \$329,845.34
	<hr/> \$437,996.55 <hr/> <hr/>

Payments per warrants:

January	\$10,220.36
February	22,979.56
March	20,998.10
April	21,051.37

May	29,130.48
June	18,298.87
July	44,380.75
August	20,200.13
September	22,849.59
October	39,642.49
November	34,221.40
December	38,694.29
	<hr/> \$322,667.39
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	115,329.16
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	\$437,996.55
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P. S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

Fund	1953 Income	1953 Withdrawal	1953 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$12.91	\$5.41	\$210.05
J. D. Brown	2.63	2.63	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	2.66	2.66	101.00
Charles H. Waite	3.62	3.62	137.49
Charles M. Billings	3.95	3.95	150.00
James Porter	2.87	2.87	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	2.92	2.92	110.82
Chas. S. Shattuck	2.92	2.92	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	2.87	2.87	109.45
Reuben Belden	2.63	2.63	100.00
Theo Porter	2.80	2.80	106.18
Charles L. Graves	2.80	2.80	106.22
Augusta Beals	5.46	5.26	207.29
B. M. Warner	5.47	5.47	207.42
Henry Batcheller	2.66	2.66	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	2.66	2.66	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	5.29	5.29	200.67

David Wells	2.63	2.63	100.00
Otis Wells	3.95	3.95	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	2.63	2.63	100.00
Harriet S. Marsh	5.38	5.38	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	2.63	2.63	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	2.63	2.63	100.00
Roswell Billings	3.95	3.95	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	3.95	3.95	150.00
E. S. Warner	2.02	2.02	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.66	1.66	55.24
E. C. Billings	15.60	15.60	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.58	2.58	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	6.39	6.39	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.58	2.58	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	10.76	10.76	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	7.03	7.03	279.57
Levi Graves	3.99	3.99	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.61	2.61	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.57	2.57	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.59	2.59	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.51	2.51	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	5.06	5.06	201.91
Samuel Field	3.78	3.78	150.53
Samuel Field	3.77	3.77	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.69	2.69	107.18
Daniel Allis	3.83	3.83	152.22
P. M. Wells	3.25	3.25	129.86
Benj. Waite	2.28	2.28	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.58	2.58	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	3.25	3.25	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	2.74	2.74	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.59	2.59	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.57	2.57	102.57
Rufus Cowles	2.79	2.79	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	2.87	2.87	114.30
Luman M. Moore	5.04	5.04	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	8.07	8.07	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	10.09	10.09	401.90
Luther Wells	8.55	8.55	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.31	1.31	52.37

John H. Sanderson	2.64	2.64	105.44
Charles Smith	2.74	2.74	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.69	2.69	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	5.03	5.03	200.00
Henry R. Holden	5.03	5.03	200.00
Fannie Allis	5.03	5.03	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	3.77	3.77	150.00
N. T. Abels	5.03	5.03	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	3.77	3.77	150.00
Fred Schepp	1.88	1.88	75.00
Joseph Schepp	1.88	1.88	75.00
General Care Fund	19.24	19.24	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	3.77	3.77	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	3.77	3.77	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	3.77	3.77	150.00
Charles Wight	2.51	2.51	100.00
General Care Fund	.26	.26	10.00
Stephen Omasta	3.77	3.77	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	5.03	5.03	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	3.77	3.77	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.51	2.51	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.51	2.51	100.00
Herman Harris	2.51	2.51	100.00
Harold J. Morse	3.77	3.77	150.00
John W. Darr	2.51	2.51	100.00
Adam Englehardt	6.29	6.29	250.00
Connie Liebl	4.40	4.40	175.00
George Marsh	5.03	5.03	200.00
R. M. Woods (New Acct.)	200.00
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	\$355.03	\$347.53	\$14,337.13

Hatfield Library Fund	\$20.25	\$786.99
Firemen's Relief Fund	1.88	73.72
Rehabilitation Fund	48.40	1,880.76

P. S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$905,250.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	\$2,246,175.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	\$3,155,575.00
Value of Personal Estate	\$336,850.00
Value of Personal Property & Real Estate	\$3,492,425.00
 Tax Rate per thousand	 \$36.00
Number of Polls assessed	711
Number of horses assessed	109
Number of cattle assessed	378
Number of fowl assessed	4500
Number of dwellings assessed	558
Number of acres land assessed	9052
Town Appropriations	\$223,864.19
State Audit	\$594.42
State Parke and Reservations	\$245.85
County Tax	\$17,423.34
Overlay	\$8,604.31

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$23,631.38
Corporation Tax	11,396.16
Excise Tax	11,000.00
Licenses	3,500.00
Schools	5,500.00
General Government	100.00
Charities	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4,000.00

Interest on taxes	300.00
Available Funds	123,873.46
Health and Sanitation	200.00

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION
UNDER CHAPTER 59 CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	\$105,450.00
Town Property	478,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
American Legion Home	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

MITCHELL KEMPISTY,
JOHN W. MULLINS, Jr.,
DANIEL OMASTA, Jr.

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Month	Number of Cases	Payments
January	23	\$1,624.13
February	24	1,827.68
March	25	1,925.90
April	25	1,688.23
May	25	1,629.66
June	23	2,138.54
July	23	1,704.25
August	23	1,583.70
September	24	1,705.32
October	24	1,814.58
November	24	1,909.61
December	24	1,907.54

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

January	5	408.90
February	5	383.90
March	5	387.90
April	5	423.40
May	5	459.20
June	5	471.20
July	5	425.20
August	5	419.20
September	5	425.95
October	5	435.10
November	5	419.20
December	5	317.05

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

January	4	257.34
February	4	586.74
March	4	339.39
April	4	353.30
May	4	347.24
June	4	353.31
July	4	352.25
August	4	440.28
September	4	385.53
October	5	493.89
November	5	394.13
December	4	351.03

GENERAL RELIEF

January	3	107.40
February	3	125.10
March	4	248.40
April	5	193.75
May	5	192.40
June	5	192.40
July	5	203.10
August	5	205.84
September	5	192.40
October	4	153.20
November	4	161.70
December	3	113.70

EXPENDITURES**GENERAL RELIEF**

Administration	\$104.75	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	66.15	
Board and care	615.93	
Cash aid to individuals	2,089.89	
	<hr/>	\$2,876.72

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cash Aid — Town	\$2,711.74	
Administration — Town	66.67	
Cash Aid — Federal	1,942.78	
Administration	65.74	
Travel and Telephone	2.28	
	<hr/>	\$4,789.21

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cash Aid — Town	\$2,395.81	
Administration — Town	57.36	
Cash Aid — Federal	2,580.39	
Administration — Federal	104.89	
Travel and Telephone	2.20	
	<hr/>	\$5,140.65

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cash Aid — Town	\$11,515.69	
Administration — Town	331.50	
Other cities and towns	263.91	
Cash Aid — Federal	9,943.75	
Administration — Federal	469.00	
Travel and Telephone	7.86	
	<hr/>	\$22,531.71

LUCILLE H. GODEK,

Welfare Agent.

State Police Report

HEADQUARTERS, State Police, TROOP "B"

Northampton, Massachusetts

January 5, 1954

Chief James E. McGrath,
Department of Police,
Hatfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 124, section 9, of the General Laws, Tercentenary edition, and as directed by the State Commissioner, I am reporting the arrests in your city or town in which Massachusetts State Police officers participated, either alone or assisted by one of your officers, for the year ending December 31, 1953, as follows:

TYPE OF ARREST	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	
	MALE	FEMALE
Drunkenness	12	
Speeding	51	1
Illegal transportation commodities on the Lord's Day	5	
No License (mv)	4	1
Statutory Rape	1	
Incest	1	
Assault with intent to commit rape	1	
Operating after suspension of lic.	3	

Passing car where view is obstr-	4
Disturbing the Peace	1
Assault and Battery	2
Carrying firearm in m.v. w/o permit	1
Driving under the influence of liquor	6
Runaway person	2
Non-support	2
Larceny by check	1
Absent w/o Leave, U. S. Marines	1
Vagrancy	1
Failing to keep to right of traveled way	1
Operating after suspension of right	1
Unregistered car	5
Uninsured car	2
Illegitimacy	1
Adultery	2
Lewd & Lascivious cohabitation	2
Driving so as to endanger lives and safety	2
Failing to stop before entering a thru way	1
Failing to display equipment inspection sticker	3
Failing to stop for school bus discharging pass	1
Following another m.v. too closely	1

Very truly yours,

THEODORE H. STRONACH,

Captain, Commanding Troop B

Massachusetts State Police

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953, and the number of arrests made in the Town of Hatfield:

Passing school bus	4
Malicious Mischief	2
Summons served	5
Dogs Destroyed	3

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McGRATH,

Chief of Police.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past few years the water system in the town of Hatfield has had many major improvements which were vitally needed. These improvements have solved the water problem in North Hatfield and increased the water pressure considerably throughout the town.

Shortly after our last Town Meeting the 10 inch line was put into operation, and a great increase in pressure was noted, especially in North Hatfield and Bradstreet. All services on Plain Road were renewed and hydrants and standpipes were added on the 10 inch line.

Approximately 1,400 feet of 8 inch pipe was laid on Elm Street, all services were also renewed in this section. This line is cross connected to the old 4 inch line, which makes a great improvement in that area. This 8 inch line should be carried on to Dwight Street sometime in the future. Hydrants should also be added in this section.

At one time during the dry spell this past summer the water in the reservoir was one foot below the top of the dam, which causes us to consider increasing the capacity of the reservoir. This can be done by raising the height of the dam, which isn't any major project.

Last summer the Water Department in co-operation with the board of Selectmen and the Tree Department, sprayed the entire watershed by plane for the control of

gypsy moth. In a recent survey of the watershed we found that many trees were affected. In order to save these trees they must be sprayed again this year.

The Board of Water Commissioners believe that in the near future our system will be capable of handling all our needs for a long time to come.

HENRY F. KULESZA,

RUPERT HARUBIN,

MICHAEL A. YANGINSKI,

Board of Water Commissioners

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

I am pleased to submit my annual report as Librarian of the Public Library.

1953 was a very successful year with a circulation of twenty two thousand nine hundred and seventy eight.

During the year four hundred and eleven new books were accessioned and catalogued. Of these four hundred and eleven books, two hundred and eighty seven were for adults and one hundred and twenty four for children. There were forty five periodicals in circulation.

The first and second series of American heritage books were chosen to acquaint our children with true stories of our country—biography, history, adventure, true fiction, a group of books powerful in their ability to nourish qualities of character that fathers and mothers seek to cultivate. The child's understanding of people, past and present and of people as his neighbors, is enlarged through books like these, with the right concept of our country and what it stands for.

The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was:

Juvenile Fiction	8,287
Juvenile Non-Fiction	3,369
Adult Fiction	7,042
Adult Non-Fiction	3,976
Bookmobile	304
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Total	22,978

Meetings attended during the year were: Spring Meeting, Western Massachusetts Library Club, May 9 Greenfield Public Library, Fall Meeting Western Massachusetts Library Club, October 15 Forbes Library Northampton, Massachusetts, Spring Meeting of Connecticut Valley Library Club, May 4 Shelburne Center Massachusetts.

If anyone is seeking reference books, biographies or any non-fiction books not found on our shelves, I will gladly borrow on request.

It would be exciting to have a youth room. Certainly it would be easier to give young people a feeling of belonging. It may encourage reading to a greater degree. It could be a stimulating experiment and a way which any library may use to make its young people feel an integral part of the whole.

In cooperation with the Films and Visual Information, Division of the United Nations, the Mass. State Regional Library Center at 4 Fisk Ave., Greenfield is pleased to announce the beginning of a new plan. This plan calls for two films a month to be deposited at the State Regional Library Center, so that they may be made available to any organized group in the area.

These films may be borrowed free of charge, by calling the Center, at 8463, or by coming in to reserve them in person.

The library is open Monday and Friday from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the trustees, teachers and my assistants for the cooperation given me.

THERESA M. GODIN,

Librarian.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past year there were five diseased Elms taken down and burned.

Six other Elms were taken down on Main Street, and two on River Road in Bradstreet, due to wind and storms. Some trimming was done on Main Street, Maple Street and Pantry Road.

All shade trees were sprayed twice with D.D.T.

There was also 800 acres sprayed by plane around Watershed and Plain Road.

The Western Mass. Electric Co., trimmed and cleared their power lines throughout the town, they also assisted our Town Tree Dept. in taking down three Maples on Valley Street, one Elm on Main Street, one Elm on Main Street Common, and one Maple on North Street.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS GODIN,

Tree Warden.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the month of November and December, as Inspector of Animals, I visited all farms where livestock were kept, and found the majority were in good condition.

My report for 1953 is as follows:

Milk cows and 2 yr. heifers	273
Heifers 1-2 yr. old	119
Heifer calves under 1 yr.	154
Bulls	15
Steers	87
Horses	72
Sheep	460
Swine	81

Total	1261
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SLAUGHTER

As Inspector of Slaughter I submit the following report for 1953.

Hogs	61
Cattle	15
Calves	1
Sheep	38

Total	115
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Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN,

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1953	\$948.00	
Personal 1953	9,689.04	
Real 1953	86,632.84	
Poll Previous Years	292.00	
Personal Previous Years	3,710.89	
Real Previous Years	33,882.68	
	<hr/>	\$135,155.45

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1953	\$14,215.44	
Previous Years	9,002.91	
	<hr/>	23,218.35

Commonwealth of Mass.:

Income Tax	27,907.81	
Corporation Tax	11,161.16	
Meal Tax (O. A. A.)	391.87	
	<hr/>	39,460.84

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	\$6,390.00	
Milk	3.00	
Junk	24.00	
All Other	220.00	
	<hr/>	6,637.00

Court Fines

280.00

Grants from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	\$10,304.82
Aid to Dependent Children	2,520.19
Disability Assistance	2,010.80

RECEIPTS

Commodity Distr. Fund-School Lunch	4,389.30	
Smith Hughes & George Barden	791.09	
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		20,016.20
Grants from State:		
Vocational Education	1,146.17	
Vets On-Farm	36.68	
Transportation	3,136.50	
Highway Chap. 81	14,249.56	
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		18,568.91
Hampshire County Dog Licenses		279.62
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Total General Revenue		\$243,616.37

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall		5.00
Outlays		46.88
Fire Department		20.00
Sealer Weights and Measures		162.50
Health and Sanitation:		
Tuberculosis	\$468.57	
Slaughter Insp. Fees	73.50	
Sewer Conn.	33.00	
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		575.07
Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction State	\$19,532.60	
Chap. 90 Construction County	9,766.28	
Highway Machinery Fund	2,052.00	
Fence Damages	68.40	
Chap. 90 Maintenance State	499.22	
Chap. 90 Maintenance County	499.22	
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		32,417.72
Public Welfare:		
Cities and Towns		383.49
Disability Assitance State		1,800.35
Aid to Dependent Children State		1,735.68
Old Age Assistance State		8,110.11
Veterans Services:		
State	96.87	
Individuals	93.75	
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		190.62

RECEIPTS

Schools:		
Athletic Fund	\$1,339.44	
Sale of Books and Supplies	3.00	
Damage to School Property	2.00	
	<hr/>	1,344.44
School Lunch—Sale of Lunches		7,523.82
Library Fines		109.32
Dividends		.06
Water Department:		
Water Rents	11,035.08	
Rent of Land	87.50	
New Services	315.00	
	<hr/>	11,437.58
Care of Cemetery Lots		307.50
General Interest:		
Interest on Taxes	640.49	
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	52.68	
	<hr/>	693.17
Interest on Trust Funds		355.03
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Total Commercial Revenue		\$67,218.34
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Water Loans	\$6,000.00	
Premiums	2.67	
	<hr/>	6,002.67
Agency, Trust and Investments:		
Dog Tax Due County	\$261.20	
New Funds—Cemetery Perpetual Care	200.00	
Withholding	9,499.60	
Retirement	1,623.90	
Blue Cross	1,365.70	
	<hr/>	12,950.40
Refunds		57.56
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Total All Receipts		\$329,845.34
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953		108,151.21
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Total		<u>\$437,996.55</u>

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Elector under Oliver Smith Will		10.00
Selectmen:		
Salary		900.00
Clerk		200.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage	1.48	
Travel	13.36	
Dues	31.00	
		<hr/> 45.84
Town Accountant:		
Salary		1,300.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, etc.	42.85	
Equipment	79.60	
		<hr/> 122.45
Treasurer:		
Salary		1,775.00
Expenses:		
Surety Bond	98.50	
Equipment	160.00	
Printing, Postage, etc.	99.75	
Travel	130.65	
Certify Notes	12.00	
Dues	2.00	
		<hr/> 502.90
Collector of Taxes:		
Salary		1,100.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage	238.57	
Surety Bond	206.75	
Travel	92.84	
Clerical	54.50	
Dues	2.00	
		<hr/> 594.66

PAYMENTS

Assessors:

Salary		1,650.00
Expenses:		
Clerical	76.50	
Printing, Postage	109.42	
Travel	80.03	
Dues	9.00	
All Other	57.60	
	<hr/>	332.55

Town Clerk:

Salary		1,650.00
Expenses:		
Recording	88.00	
Printing, Postage	66.51	
Travel	121.20	
Dues	7.50	
Surety Bond	7.50	
	<hr/>	290.71

Election and Registration:

Registrars	46.25	
Election Officers	90.00	
Clerical	180.00	
Printing, Postage	94.02	
Street Lists	277.50	
	<hr/>	687.77

Total General Government	<hr/>	\$11,186.88
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Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,425.82	
Fuel	1,627.58	
Light	619.80	
Janitors' Supplies	381.96	
Repairs	284.60	
New Equipment	159.06	
All Other	159.01	
	<hr/>	5,657.83

PAYMENTS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$900.00	
Men	101.00	
Travel	6.80	
School Traffic Officer	87.50	
Equipment and Repairs	78.35	
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		1,173.65

Fire Department:

Chief	\$250.00	
Clerk	100.00	
Men	676.00	
Care of Truck	120.00	
Rent	240.00	
Fuel	83.22	
Light	69.75	
Telephone	166.17	
Truck Repairs and Gas	387.70	
Miscellaneous Equipment	805.77	
Dues	10.00	
Printing, Postage, etc.	12.35	
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		2,920.96

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary		200.00
Expenses:		
Equipment	171.66	
Travel	44.32	
All Other	2.10	
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		218.08

Moth Work:

Labor	\$22.40	
Spraying	1,684.00	
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		1,706.40

Tree Work:

Salaries	\$1,356.80	
Equipment	51.64	
All Other	68.00	
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		1,476.44

Total Protection of Persons and Property \$7,695.53

PAYMENTS

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board and Treatment Tuberculosis	\$1,413.50	
Clerical	140.00	
Stationery	23.02	
	<hr/>	1,576.52
Inspection Children Pre-School		100.00
Visiting Nurse		1,020.00
Well-Child Clinic		100.00
Inspection School Children		300.00
Inspection Animals		550.00
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		3,646.52

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:

Wages	\$3,316.35	
Equipment	217.45	
Stone & Gravel	68.31	
Signs	338.88	
Fuel	102.16	
Phone	104.82	
All Other	709.92	
New Sidewalk	79.35	
	<hr/>	4,937.24

Snow and Ice:

Labor	\$828.25	
Loaders	167.00	
Sand	298.57	
Sidewalks	114.75	
	<hr/>	1,408.57

Total Highway General		\$6,345.81
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Bridge Repairs:

Labor	\$99.20	
Lumber	20.92	
	<hr/>	120.12

Street Lights		3,822.00
Purchase Highway Truck		4,122.40

PAYMENTS

Machinery Operating:		
Parts and Repairs	1,611.85	
Gas	935.85	
Oil and Grease	72.66	
	<hr/>	2,620.36
Highway Chapter 81:		
Labor	\$9,096.45	
Town Machinery	1,976.00	
Other Machinery	2,994.00	
Culverts	668.16	
Asphalt Mix	692.87	
Stone	1,571.54	
Tar and Asphalt	4,112.08	
Gravel	202.30	
Miscellaneous	201.80	
	<hr/>	21,515.20
Highway Chap. 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	\$918.40	
Town Machinery	331.00	
Other Machinery	140.00	
Asphalt and Stone	108.50	
	<hr/>	1,497.90
Hiighway Chap. 90 N. C.		35,300.65

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:		
Salary of Agent	\$104.75	
Printing and Postage	66.15	
Board and Care	615.93	
Cash Aid to Individuals	2,089.89	
	<hr/>	2,876.72
Disability Assistance:		
Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	\$2,711.74	
Administration—Town	66.67	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	1,942.78	
Adminstration Federal Funds	65.74	
Travel and Tel.—Fed. Funds	2.28	
	<hr/>	4,789.21

PAYMENTS

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Aid—Town Funds	2,395.81	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	2,580.39	
Administration—Town	57.36	
Administration—Federal	104.89	
Travel and Telephone—Federal	2.20	
	<hr/>	5,140.65

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town	\$11,546.39	
Cash Aid—Federal	9,943.75	
Other Cities and Towns—Town	263.91	
Administration—Town	331.50	
Administration—Federal	469.00	
Travel and Telephone—Federal	7.86	
	<hr/>	22,562.41

Total Charities		\$35,368.99
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Veterans Benefits:

Veterans Aid	\$309.50	
Medicine and Medical Assist.	137.00	
Agent's Salary	100.00	
Stationery, Phone etc.	9.09	
	<hr/>	\$555.59

Total Veterans Benefits		
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SCHOOLS

General Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	\$1,135.85	
Clerk	116.75	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	118.63	
Telephone	194.86	
Travel	82.09	
All Other	19.00	
	<hr/>	1,667.18

PAYMENTS

Teachers' Salaries:

High	\$27,750.39	
Elementary	30,310.98	
Music	1,268.40	
Drawing	483.40	
Penmanship	420.00	
	<hr/>	60,233.17

Text and Reference Books:

High	\$336.33	
Elementary	621.05	
	<hr/>	957.38

Supplies:

High	\$684.25	
Elementary	1,510.88	
Agriculture	132.71	
Audio Visual	18.69	
Physical Education	191.55	
	<hr/>	2,538.08

Transportation:

High	\$2,434.50	
Elementary	2,434.50	
All Other	85.15	
	<hr/>	4,954.15

Janitors:

High	\$2,153.30	
Elementary	2,586.62	
	<hr/>	4,739.92

Fuel and Light:

High	\$1,517.47	
Elementary	3,159.80	
Agriculture	40.50	
	<hr/>	4,717.77

Maintenance Buildings and Grounds:

Janitor's Supplies—High	\$11.60	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	215.27	
Elementary Repairs	949.02	
	<hr/>	1,175.89

PAYMENTS

Diplomas and Graduation	90.62
Insurance	389.32
Nurse	1,153.14
All Other	14.63
New Equipment	1,274.73
Equipment Repairs	128.45
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Total Schools from Town Appropriation	\$84,034.43
School Committee Expense	26.00
George Barden—Federal	392.06
Athletic Field Maintenance	300.00
Athletic Fund	1,520.61
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	2,238.67
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation:	
Tuition	\$1,198.07
Transportation	478.40
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	1,676.47

SCHOOL LUNCH

From Collections:

Wages	\$2,646.30
Food	4,511.14
Fuel	109.90
Miscellaneous Supplies	72.81
New Equipment	980.89
Phone	11.55
Repairs	22.29
Travel	8.94
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	8,363.82

From Commodity Dist. Fund:

Wages	\$1,858.70
Food	2,090.02
Repairs	154.45
Miscellaneous Supplies	101.40
Fuel	70.65
Travel	49.62
Miscellaneous Equipment	64.46
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	4,389.30

Total School Lunch

\$12,753.12

PAYMENTS

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$1,304.00
Assistants	489.40
Janitor	120.00
Mow Lawn	11.10
Fuel	145.49
Lights	20.19
Books	635.85
Repairs	3.68
Stationery and Postage	31.30
Printing	10.10
All Other	8.00
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	\$2,779.11

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$275.40
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Print and Distribute Town Reports	426.35
Outlays	54.38
Unclassified	88.25
Telephone	203.79
Retirement Assessment	1,200.64
Unpaid Bills	460.29
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	\$2,759.10

INSURANCE

Monies and Securities	73.00
Liability and Property Damage	593.22
Volunteer Firemen	128.75
Workmen's Comp. and Pub. Liab.	2,471.06
Liability—Town Hall	98.58
Town Schedule	1,202.48
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	\$4,567.09

PAYMENTS

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner's Salary		600.00
Collector's Commission	\$551.74	
Clerical	113.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	58.25	
Travel	27.20	
All Other	38.88	
Labor	1,902.60	
Trucks	150.25	
Pipe and Fittings	464.03	
Equipment and Repairs	230.01	
Shovel and Digger	224.35	
Chlorine	118.00	
Care of Chlorinator	585.00	
All Other	35.25	
	<hr/>	4,498.56

14" Water Main:

Labor	\$254.80	
Truck, Bulldozer, etc.	120.00	
Land Damage	26.00	
Engineers	319.82	
Contractor	1,405.34	
All Other	361.08	
Insurance	161.67	
	<hr/>	2,648.71

10" Water Main:

Labor	\$3,615.44	
Trucks	458.25	
Pipe and Fittings	1,827.79	
Shovel, Tractor	1,272.50	
Miscellaneous	201.94	
Wood	600.00	
Gravel and Asphalt	204.63	
Insurance	500.00	
	<hr/>	8,680.55

PAYMENTS

8" Water Main—Elm Street		
Labor	\$1,119.10	
Digger	580.50	
Shovel and Bulldozer	230.50	
Tractor	14.00	
Trucks	150.50	
Pipe	3,786.22	
Cement and Gravel	31.06	
Loam	104.00	
All Other	34.10	
	<hr/>	6,049.98
Renew Elm Street Services:		
Labor	\$919.50	
Pipe	874.48	
Truck and Digger	260.25	
Tractor	113.00	
Gravel	6.00	
	<hr/>	2,173.23
Improve Watershed:		
Labor	\$149.50	
Digger, Tractor	31.50	
	<hr/>	181.00
Total Water Dept.		<hr/> \$24,232.03

CEMETERIES

Clerical	\$50.00	
Labor	649.00	
Repairs to Equipment	55.56	
New Mower and Miscellaneous	142.95	
Gas and Oil	8.62	
	<hr/>	906.13

INTEREST

Interest on Water Loan	1,673.50
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Loan Notes	12,000.00
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PAYMENTS

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:

State Park	\$363.30	
State Audit	594.42	
County	17,523.93	
Dog Licenses for County	261.20	
	<hr/>	18,742.85

Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Funds	200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Interest	7.50
Retirement	1,623.90
Withholding	9,499.60
Blue Cross	1,365.70
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment	\$31,439.55
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REFUNDS

Taxes	\$937.30	
Motor Vehicle Excise	614.01	
Accrued Interest	.10	
Slaughter Insp. Fees	1.00	
	<hr/>	1,552.41

Total Payments	\$322,667.39
Balance January 1, 1954	114,329.16
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Total	\$437,996.55
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TOWN OF HATFIELD

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash

\$115,329.16

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1950

74.40

Levy of 1951

417.35

Levy of 1952

3,942.80

Levy of 1953

27,985.00

\$32,419.55

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1951

\$8.44

Levy of 1952

529.29

Levy of 1953

3,900.80

4,438.53

Liabilities and Reserves

Road Machinery Earnings

\$4,068.56

Premiums on Water Main Loan

2.67

Tailings

146.85

Federal Grants:

A. D. C. Administration .39

O. A. A. Administration 5.92

Schools, George Barden 1,268.61

1,274.92

School Athletic Fund

1,203.50

School Lunch Coll.

6,420.59

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Highway Chap. 90

New Construction \$1,371.22

Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$569.64
Care of Cemetery Lots	275.50
Old Age Assistance	180.04
Slaughter Insp. Fees	46.25
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1,071.43

Water Department:

Water Rents	\$2,792.24
Water Conn. & Misc.	35.00
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2,827.24

Aid to Highways:

State	\$5,792.75
County	1,743.92
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7,536.68

Bridge Repairs	360.55
Fences	200.00
Library Bldg. Repairs	643.98
Civil Defense	875.95
Land Purch. Adj.	
Sunset	300.00
Improve Watershed	895.88
Purchase Land Within Watershed	2,800.00
Cemeteries—Land Purchase	
North Hatfield	300.00
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7,747.58

Water Available Surplus 11,838.20

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus 7,205.39

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Overlay 1950	74.40
Overlay 1951	417.35
Overlay 1952	3,942.80
Overlay 1953	5,994.29
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10,428.84

Underestimates:

County Tax
State Parks Tax
Outlays

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

100.59	Departmental	\$1,071.43
117.45	Motor Vehicle Excise	4,438.53
10.00	Water Revenue	2,827.24
	State & County Aid to Highways	7,536.68
		<hr/> 15,873.88
	Surplus Revenue	97,639.65

Total Assets

<hr/> \$163,850.63	Total Liabilities and Reserves	<hr/> \$163,850.63
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DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$91,000.00	Water Main Loan, Chestnut & Prospect	\$29,000.00
	Water Loan, Plain Road	56,000.00
	Water Loan, Elm Street	6,000.00
<hr/> \$91,000.00		<hr/> \$91,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$17,378.60	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$13,861.84
		Firemen's Relief Fund	73.72
		General Care Fund, Main Street	10.00
		Hatfield Library Fund	786.99
		Hill Cemetery Gen. Care	765.29
		Rehabilitation Fund	1,880.76
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	\$17,378.60		\$17,378.60

GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI

Town Accountant

Appropriation Table

	1953 Approp.	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance to Revenue or Forward
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Selectmei's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00		105.00	45.84	\$104.16
Accountant's Salary	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00	
Accountant's Expense	125.00		125.00	122.45	2.55
Treasurers' Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00	
Treasurer's Expense	425.00	79.90	504.90	502.90	2.00
Collector's Salary	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	
Collector's Expense	450.00	150.00	600.00	594.66	5.34
Assessors' Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Assessors' Expense	400.00		400.00	332.55	67.45
Attorney's Fees	200.00		200.00		200.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	300.00		300.00	290.71	9.29
Election and Registration	750.00		750.00	687.77	62.23
Elector's Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	5,800.00		5,800.00	5,657.83	142.17

Police	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,173.65	26.35
Fire Department	2,500.00	420.96	2,920.96	2,920.96	
Tree Work	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,476.44	23.56
Moth Work	1,307.00	400.00	1,707.00	1,706.40	.60
Sealer Weights & Measures Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures Expense	125.00	93.08	218.08	218.08	
Public Health	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,576.52	1,423.48
School Physician	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Insp. Animals & Slaughtering	550.00		550.00	550.00	
Insp. Children, Pre-School	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Insp. Children, Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00	75.00	
Dental Clinic	350.00		350.00	350.00	
Well-Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00
Visiting Nurse	1,365.00		1,365.00	1,020.00	345.00
Highway General	6,250.00	95.81	6,345.81	6,345.81	
Highway Chap. 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	21,515.20	734.80
Highway Chap. 90 Maint.	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,497.90	302.10
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,620.36	379.64
Street Lights	4,100.00		4,100.00	3,822.00	278.00
Bridge Repairs	480.67		480.67	120.12	360.55
Fences	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Purchase Highway Truck	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,122.40	377.60
Highway Chap. 90 N. C.	36,671.87		36,671.87	35,300.65	1,371.22
Public Welfare	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,876.72	123.28
Disability Assist.	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,778.41	221.59

Disability Asst.—Federal	1,958.26	1,958.26	1,958.26
Disability Asst.—Fed. Adm.	65.74	65.74	65.74
A. D. C.	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,453.17
A. D. C.—Federal	2,604.64	2,604.64	2,604.64
A. D. C.—Fed. Adm.	105.28	105.28	104.89
O. A. A.	10,000.00	12,111.10	12,111.10
O. A. A.—Federal	10,042.45	10,042.45	10,042.45
O. A. A.—Fed. Adm.	474.92	474.92	469.00
Veterans Benefits	200.00	750.00	555.59
School Committee Expense	100.00	100.00	74.00
Schools	87,047.21	87,047.21	84,034.43
Schools Geo. Barden Fed.	1,660.67	1,660.67	392.06
School Athletic Fund	2,724.11	2,724.11	1,520.61
Maint. Athletic Field	300.00	300.00	300.00
School Lunch Col.	14,784.41	14,784.41	8,363.82
School Lunch C. D. F.	4,389.30	4,389.30	4,389.30
Voc. School Tuition & Transportation	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,668.47
Library	2,500.00	279.62	2,779.11
Library Bldg. Repairs	643.98	643.98	643.98
Binding Town Record	50.00	50.00	50.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00
Civil Defense	875.95	875.95	875.95
Insurance	3,500.00	1,048.23	4,548.23
Land Purch. Adj. Sunset	300.00	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day	300.00	300.00	275.40

Print and Deliver Town Reports	500.00	500.00	426.35	73.65
Reserve Fund	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,141.12	658.88
Retirement	1,200.64	1,200.64	1,200.64	
Telephone	250.00	250.00	203.79	46.21
Unclassified	100.00	100.00	88.25	11.75
Unpaid Bills	748.29	748.29	604.29	144.00
Water Comm. Salaries	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Water Dept.	4,000.00	4,500.00	4,498.56	1.44
Water Dept. 14" Main	2,149.57	2,649.57	2,648.71	.86
Water Dept. 10" Main	8,708.92	8,708.92	8,680.55	28.37
Water Dept. 8" Main	6,000.00	6,049.98	6,049.98	
Renew Elm St. Services	1,000.00	2,175.00	2,173.23	1.77
Improve Watershed	1,076.88	1,076.88	181.00	895.88
Purchase Land	2,800.00	2,800.00		2,800.00
Cemeteries	800.00	347.53	906.13	241.40
Land Purchase—Cemetery	300.00	300.00		300.00
Interest on Water Loan	1,673.50	1,673.50	1,673.50	
Water Main Loan	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
	<u>\$311,619.26</u>	<u>\$8,001.21</u>	<u>\$291,974.70</u>	<u>\$27,645.77</u>

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman	Term expires 1954
John Osley, Jr., Secretary	Term expires 1955
Zygmunt Jaworski	Term expires 1956

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the second Wednesday of each month
at the High School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS JOHN C. JAKOBEK

School office:	Home address:
High School Building	243 Bridge Road
Telephone 2361	Florence, Mass.
	Tel. Northampton 3495-M

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert C. Byrne
46 Main Street
Telephone 2661

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R.N.
19 Prospect Street

WORK CERTIFICATES

Raymond Jenness
School Street

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Your school committee submits to the citizens of this town the following summary of its activities during the past year, present conditions within your schools, and pressing matters of the future. Your committee held twelve regular meetings and five special meetings in 1953. Your schools are not only carrying on a successful educational program, but are constantly adapting themselves to improved conditions. We recommend your careful examination of this report and that of the superintendent of schools.

DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The duties of the School Committee are: to determine the policies under which the local schools are operated, to review all proposals and criticisms submitted to the Committee, and to evaluate the schools in terms of community needs. Your School Committee has endeavored to execute these functions. The expressed or implied will of the inhabitants of Hatfield has been carried out. Your Committee has provided the best and most beneficial educational policy consonant with the facilities and finances available to it.

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The powers and duties of the superintendent of schools defined by law are:

1. To act as the executive officer of the school committee.
2. To supervise the public schools under the direction of the school committee.
3. To assist the school committee in keeping its records and accounts.
4. To make such reports as are required by law.
5. To recommend teachers to the school committee.
6. To recommend textbooks and courses of study.

On the basis of the statutory requirements, the superintendent is responsible for the program of instruction carried on in the schools. His duties include the traditional practice of the improvement of instruction. This duty has always been paramount in importance, but today the methods of improving instruction have changed. This improvement in supervisory methods has made it possible to vastly improve the teaching within our schools. The basic purposes of education are similar, but the means, methods and tools for bettering instruction made available through research and practice have improved. Your schools are taking advantage of these improvements.

ENTRANCE AGE

The entrance age for children to be enrolled in the first grade in September, 1954, is five years and seven months, as of the first of September. This means that children wishing to enter grade one must have been born before February 1, 1949.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

At the end of the 1952-53 school year, Mrs. Sophie Filipkoski, teacher of Grade One for many years, resigned her position. This position was filled by Mrs. Helen Kostek.

On July 1 of 1953, Mr. Frank Brehm, who had served as a school custodian for many years, retired. The vacancy caused by Mr. Brehm's resignation was filled by Mr. Stanley Piankowski.

Mrs. Mervin Jules has replaced Mr. Gabel as the Art Instructor in the local schools. Mr. Gabel accepted a position in the Holyoke schools.

SALARIES AND SALARY SCHEDULE

Your school committee, just like all other school committees throughout the nation, has been trying to solve the problem of providing your children with competent teachers. Not only must competent teachers be hired to fill vacancies within the teaching staff, but excellent teachers already in the system must be retained. The children of this town deserve teachers that are both competent and efficient.

Because the citizens of this community believe in a good education for their children, the committee revised its salary schedule to meet present-day conditions. An adequate salary schedule is the most influential factor in retaining successful teachers and securing competent new ones. This revision acknowledges the inexorable working of the law of supply and demand. Today there is a critical shortage of teachers; the demand for teachers is great.

You have entrusted your most valuable possessions, your children, to your schools. Many of your children

will be given opportunities denied to you. Your children deserve good teachers and providing good teachers is good business. The difference in per pupil educational costs is not significantly changed by providing adequate instructional materials and competent instruction. Providing the best instruction possible enhances the educational success of your child, and in many cases determines his happiness for life. No parent would knowingly sacrifice his child's future by denying him his heritage of educational opportunity.

In comparing your local salary schedule with those of other communities, it is evident that many other communities provide greater rewards for their teachers. However, this schedule compares favorably with the average community of this size.

SCHEDULE

Step	Non-Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree
1	2700	2800	2900
2	2800	2900	3000
3	2900	3000	3100
4	3000	3100	3200
5	3100	3200	3300
6	3200	3300	3400
7	3300	3400	3500
8	3400	3500	3600
9	3500	3600	3700
10		3700	3800
11			3900

The annual step-rate increases of each teacher are dependent upon continued satisfactory service and professional improvement. Before a teacher can pass a salary bar, as between steps two and three, the teacher must complete four approved professional credits and render acceptable services.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation of pupils to and from school has become a major item in the school budget. Inasmuch as this item has increased so rapidly in the last few years, the details of this item are being discussed fully in this report. There are two main reasons for the rapidly increasing transportation costs. The reasons are: increasing costs and increasing enrollments in our schools, coupled with shifts in population centers requiring additional bus service.

In September, 1953, it was found necessary to add another bus to carry all the children adequately. In addition to adding a bus, new bus routes were found necessary. The following routes were scheduled:

The bus on the first trip transports all the high school pupils. Its route includes Elm and Dwight Streets, West Hatfield, North Hatfield, and Bradstreet.

The elementary school pupils are transported on three separate buses. One bus picks up the students on Dwight and Elm Streets; another bus transports them from Chestnut and West Streets, and the third bus transports all the pupils on Prospect Street and those from North Hatfield and Bradstreet.

Although the annual budgetary allowance has increased greatly, the actual cost of this item to the town has not increased significantly, inasmuch as the town is reimbursed for all transportation costs over five dollars per net average membership. The following summary substantially illustrates the situation in this town for the 1952-53 School Year.

1. Net average membership	345
2. Membership times \$5.00	\$1,725
3. Total transportation costs	
(1952-53)	\$4,862.50
4. Total costs minus item 2	\$3,136.50

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has reimbursed the Town of Hatfield \$3,136.50 for transportation during the 1952-3 School Year. This means that for 1953 the Commonwealth reimbursed the Town for $64\frac{1}{2}\%$ of its transportation costs. The taxpayer must understand that although there is a significant increase in the total appropriation for this item, the actual cost to the community will still be only \$5.00 per pupil in average daily membership. Chapter 71, Section 7A, under which this is possible is quoted below.

"The state treasurer shall annually, on or before November twentieth, pay to the several towns from the proceeds of the tax on incomes, which shall be available therefor subject to appropriation, the sums required as reimbursement for expenses approved by the commissioner of education, incurred by any town for the transportation of pupils once daily to and from any school within the town, or in another town, in excess of five dollars per annum per pupil in the net average membership of such town; provided, (a) that no transportation reimbursement shall be made on account of any pupil who resides less than one and one-half miles from the school which he attends, measured by a commonly traveled route; (b) that no contract shall be awarded except upon the basis of sealed bids, and the school committee shall, in the event that a contract is awarded to other than the lowest bidder, file with the department a written statement giving its reasons therefor, which statement shall be open to the public inspection."

One of the questions that this situation raises is whether this community should study the possibility of operating its own school buses. As in any other problem, there are naturally arguments in favor of publicly-operated transportation facilities, as well as against them.

For instance, statistics are available showing that, almost without exception, the costs connected with publicly-owned buses are substantially lower. Without expanding the arguments for and against publicly-operated school transportation facilities, it should be pointed out that the actual and real cost to the community is not changed by either system. This is because the Commonwealth reimburses the community for over five dollars per average daily membership. Your Committee wishes to emphasize the fact that the total expenses for transportation must be first appropriated. Reimbursements are received only after the expenses have been incurred and paid for.

The total amount required for regular school transportation in 1954 will be \$6,426 of which the town will be reimbursed about \$4,800.

EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS

School Department

1. Center School hallways, ceilings, and stairwells on both floors were painted.
2. In the Center School the teachers' room ceiling and walls were painted.
3. Repairs in Center School roof—slates and valleys replaced.
4. One electric water cooler in the Center School.
5. Steam iron for the Home Economics Department.
6. Electric mixer for the Home Economics Department.
7. 11 new steel files for the storage of teaching materials in classrooms.
8. Two dozen plastic dinner plates and accessories in the Home Economics Room.
9. New baseball backstop.
10. Stainless steel kitchen utensils.

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS BY THE TRUSTEES OF SMITH ACADEMY

The trustees of Smith Academy have very generously invested a sizable sum of money to renovate the Home Economics Room in the Smith Academy building. Two completely modern kitchen units with their natural color wooden cabinets have been installed in this room. Additional cabinets of similar construction were also installed to store the sewing materials used in this room. New fluorescent lights have been installed to brighten this room. The change in appearance of this room can be fully appreciated only by seeing it personally.

In addition to the repairs in the Home Economics room, fluorescent lights have been installed in two other rooms without these lights. The high school building is now completely furnished with fluorescent lights. Your committee would like to emphasize to the townspeople that the money used by the Trustees for the repair and renovations in the Smith Academy building is not raised by taxation but is income from invested Trustee funds.

FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS

The School Committee has offered to the citizens an article dealing with the future needs of the children of this community. Last year in our report, it was pointed out that the housing needs of this community were becoming critical. In the fall of 1954 it will be necessary to take over the library in the Center School and one room in the basement to accommodate the educational needs of our children. This basement room, though not entirely satisfactory, will serve at least temporarily as a classroom. It is urgently requested that a committee of citizens and others, as indicated in the School Committee

article, be appointed to study the building needs of the children of Hatfield.

The School Committee approves and hereby incorporates the report of the Superintendent of Schools as part of its report.

EDWARD KOWALSKI,

JOHN OSLEY, JR.,

ZYGMUNT JAWORSKI,

Members of the School Cmmittee.

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Hatfield:

The report of the superintendent of schools for the year 1953 is presented to you for your careful consideration and evaluation. This report deals with many factors of interest to you. It gives not only a financial accounting of your schools but also the forces contributing to an understanding of the decisions made therein.

FACTS CONCERNING YOUR SCHOOLS

1. All standard tests indicate that the schools of Hatfield, just as schools in general, are teaching the 3 R's—reading, writing, and arithmetic—better than they did a generation ago.
2. The schools of today through the variation in types of activities meet the varied needs of different children for life more adequately than ever before.
3. Discipline, taught through self-reliance and self-discipline, is preparing your children for citizenship better than ever before.
4. An understanding of the social, economic and political forces of our society assures your children of the concepts so necessary to the fullest understanding of democracy.

WHAT SCHOOLS DO FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Schools provide a part of the influence leading to a better life. Teachers, as well as parents, are concerned with the dignity of the individual, his creative talents, his mental health, his critical thinking and objective appraisal, and the ideal of fair play. Through these and faith in the individual, the cooperation of the home and community, we can promote a better community.

Belief in the worth of the individual demands educational opportunities for all. However, providing universal education does not assure the democratic life. We must strive to achieve this life by defining our purposes and then making them work. It is much easier to define our goals than to put them into practice.

The schools admit that the home is the foundation of citizenship and our social structure. Along with the home there are usually many community influences sharing in giving direction and quality to our youth. We believe that all people participating in desirable activities improve community life. Your schools are anxious to provide the type of activities leading to the fullest development of all the talents and abilities of your children. The success of any person is tied very closely to his attitudes. Your schools strive for and are achieving proper student attitudes.

As one of the factors representing the total individual, attitudes illustrate our mental and emotional reactions to persons, places, things and what have you. Since our attitudes affect us everywhere we go, they can easily be our salvation or downfall. Your schools strive to instill in your children a realistic attitude toward education and life.

PUPIL BEHAVIOR

Schools, like parents, are constantly trying to more adequately understand children. Biologically, the growth of children is understood, but this does not help us understand the major aspects of psychological development. It is known that children resemble their own parents more than others, but what furnishes their motivational energy is not definitely established. It is not even absolutely certain how children take on the attitudes of parents and others.

It is known that pupils acquire attitudes and mind-sets from parents, elders, teachers, and even other pupils. It is vital, therefore, that the schools establish the best educational atmosphere conducive to character and personality building. The interaction among pupils and the reactions between teacher and pupil establish the educational climate within the classroom.

However, the learning and behavior of our youth is not determined alone by his school activities. All the social activities that a child has experienced since birth have left their lasting impression upon the growing child. Your schools are willing to accept a share in the cooperative endeavor of bringing up your children. The schools are making every effort to correlate their activities with those of the community.

Your schools seek to assist your children to grow and achieve the skills and attitudes that will help them when they become adults. Your children, the youth of today, are learning to exercise all their abilities: physical, mental, and emotional.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Experience and educational research have in recent years contributed vast amounts of assistance to educa-

tional practices. Your teachers are constantly evaluating the newer practices and teaching materials; adapting the desirable features of successful practices, and incorporating them into their own teaching. Each teacher is expected to adjust her teaching in keeping with the best program possible and at the same time integrate her work into the total instructional program of our schools.

One of the most significant phases of the changing concepts of teaching arises from our growing knowledge of child growth patterns. We know that all normal children develop in a pattern and yet each is different from the other. Some meet life with eagerness; others are less excited. Some are easily guided from birth; others are independently aggressive. Some have great vigor and vitality; others have less ability and vitality. Some children develop rapidly physically; others more slowly.

With the increased understanding of growth patterns, your teachers are constantly revising their methods to meet the educational needs of each child. A child cannot be made to grow, but its growth can be encouraged. Your teachers, by adapting their methods to provide for the individual differences of the pupils, have learned to evaluate the child's ability and potentialities. By using the knowledge of each child, the teacher can provide each child with the guidance necessary to maximum growth.

With the changing concepts of teaching have also come newer understandings of the materials needed in instruction. The textbooks in local usage have always been of the highest type. These basic materials are being supplemented today by other materials which have been proven to be very helpful in teaching. Some of the materials recently given additional prominence in our classrooms are audio-visual materials, such as slide films, motion pictures and concrete objects. Larger topical units have replaced the piecemeal type of instruction of

former years. Teacher-pupil planning of work has given additional interest and motivation to the teaching program.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The materials of instruction used in the local schools are the same type as found in the majority of New England schools. This can be illustrated by our Basal Reading Program which is edited by the Scott Foresman Company. These materials are supplemented by carefully selected materials to meet individual pupil needs as revealed by teacher evaluations and standardized tests. The program of instruction is continuous throughout the system and therefore permits planned systematic instruction in logical sequences.

The materials of instruction are supplemented by a testing program which is used to indicate pupil and grade progress. Standardized reading tests are available even in the first grade of your schools. This program assists the teachers in locating the specific areas wherein additional work must be given to an individual or a class. To assist the teachers in evaluating the child, the Pintner-Cunningham Primary Test is also made available to the first grade teachers.

Beginning with the second grade and continuing through the eighth, the Iowa Every-Pupil Tests of Basic Skills are administered annually. This testing program reveals that the local achievement level compares very satisfactorily with the national norms. In addition to this basic testing program, individual and class testing is used to supplement the already known information of the work within the school. Two other achievement tests used, for instance during this year, were the Stanford Achievement Tests and the Durrell-Sullivan Achievement Tests in Reading.

In addition to the above tests, the Henmon-Nelson Tests measuring intelligence were administered in grades three and five, and the California Test of Mental Maturity in the eighth grade. All the information revealed by these tests and teacher evaluations are kept in the child's cumulative folder. This information is used to assist each child with his work, as well as advise him of future possibilities.

In the High School all the information gathered throughout the grades is carefully studied and whenever possible supplemented by additional information. The regular program of testing this year consisted of the administration of the Science Research Primary Mental Abilities Test in the ninth grade; the Kuder Vocational Preference Scale in the tenth and the battery of tests administered by the Mass. Employment Service to the seniors. In addition, standardized subject tests were given in certain areas of instruction.

MANUSCRIPT WRITING

In September, a form of manuscript writing, called slant lettering, was introduced into the local school system. This system was introduced only after a careful evaluation of the advantages of its introduction and successful usage in a majority of school systems. Our first grades are presently provided with the Rinehart supervisors who instruct the pupils in this method. Manuscript writing will be taught in the second grade next September. Either at the end of the second grade or in the beginning of the third grade, depending upon each child's development, pupils will be taught cursive (long-hand) writing.

The reasons for shifting from cursive to manuscript writing are many. Papers written in manuscript are more legible on every level of instruction. Research also

indicates that manuscript writing promotes skill in reading and language; that it is easier to learn; that it reduces eyestrain; that it is faster; and that it correlates better with reading, language, spelling and art.

Handwriting requires the participation of the total neuro-muscular structure of the body. The whole skeletal structure of the child is brought into play as the child begins to write. It is not unusual to see a child attempt his handwriting lesson with tongue in cheek or projecting out of his mouth, muscles of arms and legs tense, and nervous body tension. This tension and tenseness leads to emotional irritability and is at least partly avoided by manuscript writing.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

This year the school department has attempted to make the lunch hour more than just a time to replenish stomachs. A determined effort is being made to make our school lunch a meaningful educational experience. We are convinced that the present program is accomplishing the aim which we planned.

The most significant development in this program was the wider participation of teachers at the school lunch. Although a few elementary teachers always participated in the program, in September, for the first time, all the elementary teachers accepted their increased responsibilities. Each elementary teacher now escorts her class to the cafeteria, eats with her group and escorts her group back to their school.

This arrangement, along with a staggered schedule for lunches, has expedited the serving of lunches. This arrangement has also been helpful in making the lunch program an educational experience. The teachers not only see that the pupils practice proper table manners,

but also become better acquainted with the school lunch program. This permits each teacher to point out the values inherent in proper eating habits and nutrition. The teaching of health practices thus becomes very closely connected with the cafeteria and the well-balanced nutritious meals served there.

We are indebted to the teachers for their cooperation in making this program a success. Our gratitude can be best shown by acknowledging their fine support of this educational learning experience.

TRENDS IN 1953

In reviewing the year, nineteen hundred fifty-three, we are grateful for many, many things and to many people. The following are not, by any means, the only things for which we can be thankful, but they are representative:

1. The cooperative manner in which everyone contributed to the welfare of the local schools. This includes not only the town officers, but also teachers, pupils and others.
2. An emerging and rallying movement in support of your local schools. This can be best illustrated by such actions as the:
 - a. Lions Club Scholarship Fund
 - b. Lions Club gift of the Mass. Vision Test
 - c. Men's Club Sports banquet
 - d. Participation in school activities
3. A renewed interest in trying to understand the operation of the school as illustrated by your attendance at our Education Week Open House, your visits to classrooms and support of the Parent-Teacher Club.

YOUR SCHOOLS ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

Your most valuable possessions are your children. Most parents willingly sacrifice for their children. This is true in respect to the education that children receive as well as the more material things. Parents in general realize the value of a firm educational background. Therefore, each parent strives to provide his or her child with the opportunity to learn, whether the parents had this opportunity or not.

Your schools accept their responsibilities to provide the type of education that you wish. Your schools are mindful of the heavy burden that you have placed upon them by entrusting your children's education to them. Every effort is being made to secure the most educationally sound and feasible program for your children. Finally and most respectfully I would point out that it is not what you think that helps us to improve, but what you tell us.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN C. JAKOBEK,

Superintendent of Schools.

"NO SCHOOL" POLICY

It is the policy of the Hatfield School Department to hold regular sessions on mornings when it is practicable to operate the school buses. Parents are asked to use their own discretion as to the wisdom of sending their children on stormy mornings. In other words, the safety of the bus pupils shall be the deciding factor in determining whether or not school shall be held on a questionable, stormy day.

In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel school sessions, the "No School Signal" will be broadcast over radio station WHMP (1400 on the dial), starting at 7 A.M. and continuing through to 8:30 A.M. The authorities of WHMP request that parents not call the radio station for this information but listen for the announcements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1953

Regular, day schools—

Appropriation for support	\$87,047.21
Total expenditures	84,034.43

Unexpended balance	\$3,012.78
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Cost of regular, day schools to Town—

Total expenditures	\$84,034.43
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Credits:

Chapter 70	\$17,148.12
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Chapter 71	3,136.50
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Account High School Agric.

Dept.	1,830.02
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Vocational Tuition & Trans.	772.58
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Total	<hr/> \$22,887.22
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Veterans Administration, On-Farm

Training	36.68
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Account School Lunch Program	4,389.30
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ESTIMATES OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE TOWN
OF HATFIELD ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1954

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Chapter 70	\$17,000.00
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Chapter 71	4,800.00
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High School Agriculture Dept.	1,800.00
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Vocational Tuition & Trans.	700.00
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Total	<hr/> \$24,300.00
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From Federal Funds via Commonwealth of Mass:

Account School Lunch Program	\$4,000.00
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From Veterans Administration, On-Farm Training none

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1954

1953 Approp.	1953 Cost	Classification	1954 Estimate
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Instruction, Teaching Staff

\$24,198.43	\$23,951.33	High School, Academic	\$25,069.69
4,112.97	3,774.04	High School Vocational	4,164.67
31,555.87	30,310.98	Elementary Schools	32,841.64
2,263.94	2,171.80	Music, Art, Penmanship	2,225.00
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\$62,131.21	\$60,208.15	Total, Teaching Staff	\$64,301.00

Instruction, Books, Supplies

\$ 1,200.00	\$916.48	High School, Academic	\$1,200.00
250.00	128.21	High School Vocational	250.00
3,000.00	2,112.37	Elementary Schools	3,000.00
300.00	1,244.43	New Equip. and Inst.	750.00
200.00	18.69	Audio-Visual Supplies	200.00
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\$ 4,950.00	\$4,420.18	Total, Bks., Sup., Etc.	\$5,400.00

Janitors' Services

\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,153.30	High School	\$2,600.00
2,600.00	2,597.27	Elementary Schools	2,800.00
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\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,750.57	Total, Janitors' Services	\$5,400.00

Plant Maintenance

\$ 400.00	\$ 237.84	Janitors' Supplies	\$300.00
875.00	1,024.70	Elem. School Repairs	1,500.00
200.00	132.35	Equipment Repairs	200.00
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\$ 1,475.00	\$1,394.89	Total, Plant Maint.	\$2,000.00

Heat, Light and Power

\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,277.17	High School	\$1,200.00
70.00	45.00	High School Vocational	70.00
2,650.00	2,924.41	Elementary Schools	2,800.00
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\$ 3,820.00	\$ 4,246.58	Total, H., Light, Power	\$4,070.00

Transportation

\$ 5,589.00	\$ 5,409.00	Regular daily	\$6,426.00
800.00	85.15	Athletic and other	800.00
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\$ 6,389.00	\$ 5,494.15	Total, Transportation	\$7,226.00

School Health

\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,153.14	Salary of Nurse	\$1,400.00
150.00	14.63	Supplies	150.00
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\$ 1,290.00	\$1,167.77	Total, School Health	\$1,550.00

Administration

\$ 1,172.00	\$ 1,160.87	Supt. of Schools	\$1,367.00
200.00	166.42	Expense Accounts	200.00
260.00	209.36	Telephone	300.00
50.00	27.25	Postage, Ptg., Stat.	50.00
50.00		School Census	50.00
200.00	116.75	Clerk, part-time	200.00
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\$ 1,932.00	\$ 1,680.65	Total, Administration	\$2,167.00

Physical Education

\$ 200.00	\$ 35.00	Equip. and Sup.	\$200.00
150.00	156.55	Towels	150.00
none	none	High School Athletics	none
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\$ 350.00	\$ 191.55	Total, Physical Education	\$350.00

Other Expenses

\$ 100.00	\$ 90.62	Graduation	\$100.00
380.00	356.56	Athletic Insurance	380.00
30.00	32.76	Gen. Liability Ins.	30.00
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\$ 510.00	\$ 479.94	Total, Other Expenses	\$510.00
\$88,047.21	\$84,014.43	Grand Total, Schools	\$92,974.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1953-1954

Sept. 8, 1953	Tuesday—Staff meeting 10:00 A. M. Center School Library
Sept. 9, 1953	Wednesday—Schools open with full sessions
Oct. 9, 1953	Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention
Oct. 12, 1953	Monday—Schools closed—Columbus Day
Nov. 11, 1953	Wednesday—Schools closed—Armistice Day
Nov. 25, 1953	Wednesday—Schools close at noon—beginning of Thanksgiving holidays
Nov. 30, 1953	Monday—Schools open
Dec. 24, 1953	Thursday closed—beginning of Christmas holidays
Jan. 4, 1954	Monday—Schools open
Feb. 22, 1954	Monday—Schools closed—beginning of winter vacation
March 1, 1954	Monday—Schools open
April 16, 1954	Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday
April 19, 1954	Monday—Schools closed—beginning of spring vacation
April 26, 1954	Monday—Schools open
May 31, 1954	Monday—Memorial Day
June 15, 1954	Tuesday—Elementary School Graduation Elementary Schools Close
June 16, 1954	Wednesday—Cafeteria closes
June 21, 1954	Monday—Graduation
Elementary School—176 days	
High School—180 days	

Approved by the School Committee

May 13, 1953

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1953

Center Elementary School by Grades

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21
1953	54	44	29	38	31	35	25	21

Comparative Totals for the Center School

Year	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Total Pupils	224	229	243	233	234	256	277

Smith Academy Enrollment by Classes

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total
1950	23	24	17	14	78
1951	25	26	20	17	88
1952	18	25	21	20	84
1953	20	16	26	19	81

Totals for Hatfield Schools

Year	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Totals	296	300	317	311	322	240	258

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of October 1, 1953

	Boys	Girls	Total
From five to seven	49	66	115
From seven to sixteen	144	115	259
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	193	181	374

Comparative Totals for Six-Year Period

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
From 5 to 7	56	74	81	62	68	88	115
From 7 to 16	257	249	257	255	259	266	259
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	313	323	338	317	327	354	374

Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Hatfield:

Last year we reported work by teachers in the fields of reading and social studies. This work has been carried on with some interesting results.

Several of the teachers have taken courses this year with the intent, "to keep up." We find some things in contrast. Many of the courses given are entitled "New Methods in Teaching" or "New Trends in Teaching." Most of the so-called new methods employ the project or unit as a means of having pupils participate in the assimilation and summation of the material studied. Such a procedure bases its usefulness on group action generating interest for all pupils participating. It usually works when people are familiar with the procedure. This is particularly true in the social studies and science fields.

Another subject, reported on last year, produces a different attitude. Our interest has been directed toward choosing a co-basal reading series in order to offer more suitable material to pupils of each reading level within a class.

Your elementary school teachers, with Superintendent Jakobek, have had several new basic reading series explained. A few weeks ago a demonstrator for a new reading series reported to us that the series of books presented by his company purported to do just one thing,

teach children to read. There is nothing new about that, but as the one prime objective and the only objective of the subject, it deserves to be examined. In effect, it means that a child has to read for himself just as the next fellow has to do his own reading, and the sooner he is at it, the faster he can expect to progress. No major emphasis on interest, word lists, or materials covered, just learn to read. The exact method of procedure may be left to the discretion of the teacher but the test of the procedure is: Can he read to the best of his ability?

We gave some thought to spelling or misspelling in the upper grades and have come up with the finding that thousands of different words are misspelled, most of them infrequently, either because they are infrequently used or for other reasons, including disinterest, while a comparatively few words are misspelled very frequently.

The one major objective is learn to spell correctly.

Annually, the teachers' magazines bring up the subject of report cards and this year is no exception. Whether or not the teacher uses the unit method in her teaching or follows explicitly the manual published by the writer of the reading series, there is only one method by which the parent can adequately determine the child's progress.

There is no satisfactory substitute for parent-teacher conferences arranged at a time when both parent and teacher are free to discuss the child's progress and adjustments. Our staff whole-heartedly invites the parents to avail themselves of this opportunity. Conferences should be arranged prior to the desired date to avoid any conflict with staff meetings or other obligations at the end of the school day. The few minutes

available to each parent at a parent-teacher meeting are not adequate nor the appropriate time for a lengthy conference. Parent-teacher conferences arranged in advance often pay high dividends in the child's over-all program.

As in previous years pupils of grades six and eight, with their teachers, traveled to Boston for a day spent in viewing some of the historical places in our state capitol. We hope this year's group may visit a session of the United Nations Assembly. At this writing, the details have not been completed. However, we expect they will be.

The bonds of friendships and understanding among all concerned are keys to successful schools. We believe we have such bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND N. JENNESS,

Principal, Center Schools.

Principal of High School

There is no question that your high school has over a period of years done an excellent job in carrying out the obligations thrust upon it. There is, from time to time, considerable difference of opinion concerning the limits of these obligations. It is sometimes charged that schools are over-emphasizing vocational problems and failing to provide the vigorous intellectual training necessary in scholarly disciplines. The extreme divergence between these points of view shows the difficulty of satisfying either of these two extremes.

While the schools must provide the opportunities for leadership in the scientific and specialized areas of education, they must at the same time teach the soundness of the democratic society and provide the skills and attitudes necessary for such a society. These responsibilities cannot be neglected. Schools must provide a central core of skills, competencies, attitudes and understandings that are required for mature adulthood.

Your high school operates to provide a basic education for all children in this community. It provides a college preparatory course which has done a remarkable job. It provides a commercial course which meets the needs of those planning to enter business offices. It provides for the needs of those wishing to enter agricultural fields. It also provides a general program which has not always been understood.

General Program

The general program tries to meet the needs of those not going into a profession or other employment. This program recognizes the obligation schools have for providing for the individual who is not sure of his future plans because he has not made a decision regarding his life work. The problems posed by this situation are best solved by providing a broad general program of common experiences.

Your schools encourage pupils to select a broad field of interest to pursue educationally, but if the pupils have not indicated their choice, every effort is made to acquaint them with the opportunities available to them. The best age at which to make a vocational choice is not definitely established. Many factors coming later in life affect these decisions. Thus, to limit a pupil to one specialized field can be a great mistake. To make an early commitment, say at the age of thirteen or fourteen, regarding life's work may bring a specialized training which prevents future privileges of modification or complete revision. Such a situation may cause not only temporary discomfort, but forces your child into situations in which he must accept less than the best.

It is encouraging to note that parents are again assuming a greater obligation in the vocational choices of their children. Most parents are well aware of the fact that their vocational interests, at the age of thirteen or fourteen, are not those which they later preferred. Therefore, parents are accepting the responsibility of channeling their children into an educational program which does not deny them a later adjustment. When parents fail in their duty to give their child the benefit of their own experience, the child often suffers for this neglect. Your schools are contributing their efforts to

the same goals as parents. In this respect, the schools hope to cooperate with the parents.

A generation or two ago, it was the usual thing for more than fifty per cent of the youth of this country to leave school and enter the labor market. In those times it was desirable, in fact expected, that each child should select some field of work and pursue it. It was fairly common, then, to specialize at an early age because it was necessary to go to work at an early age. Today this is no longer true. However, there are occasionally parents who fail to realize this fact. These parents permit, or sometimes even encourage, their children to enter a specialized trade which may even bring temporary financial results. The injustice done to the child often does not dawn on even the child until many years later. When it does, the frustration developed in the child tempers his whole life.

College Course

The remarkable success that the graduates of our college preparatory course have experienced in schools of higher learning is gratifying. This success is noteworthy especially because we have never professed to specialize in college preparation, as some schools do, to the neglect of all the other jobs that a secondary school should do. Graduates of your high school in recent years have been admitted to the following schools of higher learning: Amherst, Cazenovia, Colby, Cornell, Fitchburg, Framingham, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Purdue, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith, and the University of Massachusetts.

The record that our local students have compiled speaks well for your children. Not one graduate of this school has failed to maintain a satisfactory standing

academically during the last ten years. This indicates not only that these students were prepared with background materials, but also that they had acquired the needed mental attitudes so necessary to success in college. The records that your children make should bring a warm satisfaction to every mother and father who has in many cases sacrificed to permit their children this opportunity for learning.

The graduating class in 1953 pointed the way toward higher education. Of the nineteen students graduating, twelve elected to continue their education. Six of this group chose degree-granting institutions. The others have continued their education in junior colleges, nursing schools or business training schools.

Commercial Course

There were only four students in the 1953 graduating class that were commercial students. Each one of these students has accepted office employment for which each was trained while in your local high school. The training that these pupils received has assisted them in securing a position and in meeting the requirements of their positions. The students that elect to take this course must not only take their commercial training, but must take a large number of general and cultural courses which provide them with a better understanding of our heritage. This arrangement not only prepares them to secure and maintain positions of their choosing, but prepares them more intelligently to meet the exigencies of life.

Highlights of 1953

1. The Lions Club of Hatfield established an annual scholarship award of \$50 to a Smith Academy student who pursues an education after graduation. This award

is to be made on a basis of need and scholarship. We are very grateful for this fine award. It signifies, almost more than anything else, the value that this community places upon its youth.

2. Establishment of the Hatfield Post No. 344, American Legion Award, in memory of Dr. Alfred J. Bonneville. This award is to be granted to the boy who is first prize winner of the Smith Academy Oratorical Contest. This boy will receive an Oratory medal with his name inscribed thereon. Custom places this winner as the one to deliver the Gettysburg Address at the Annual Memorial Day program. Upon completion of this address, the recipient is granted a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond.

3. The remodelled Home Economics Room. This room was renovated by the Smith Academy Trustees who have installed two complete kitchen units to help properly prepare the students in homemaking. Wooden cabinets finished in natural wood colors and fluorescent lights make this room an ideal teaching classroom.

4. The continued support of our civic and educational groups: The local American Legion Post and Auxiliary of the Boys and Girls State representatives; the Men's Club and Lions Club banquets for our basketball team; graduation prizes and awards as granted by individuals and groups, and lastly, the excellent support given to our extra-curricular activities by the townspeople.

Your High School

Since it is often brought to our attention, the subject of small high school vs. large high school will be mentioned. The advocates of the large high schools have glowing praise for their school. And there is much to commend in some large schools.

On the other hand, there are many advantages in a small high school, especially when it offers the variety of activities and subjects that Smith Academy does. One of the basic aims of any school is the building of citizenship and character. Smith Academy, just as most small high schools, does an excellent job in this regard. Critics will point out that they know or knew one or more recalcitrant individuals. And this may be true. However, it is vital to point out that there are exceptions and they occur less frequently in small schools. Through the efforts of the home and school, each student grows to assume his responsibility to the school and community. The schools do not imply that sole credit for this rests upon their efforts. Rather, we share in this cooperative effort.

A common argument also heard is that the large school offers more competition. This is probably the most abused factor in this whole comparison. Though it is true that there is occasionally a no-holds-barred struggle for top honors, this affects only a very small percentage. Competition in today's schools is usually reserved to comparing each individual with his own record and ability. Each child should strive to achieve to his own capacity. The size of the school does not matter in this concept and besides, in the large schools, the child is usually in a position to say that there are many more below him; he is not the worst one.

Some years ago it was suggested to me that the private schools are superior to high schools because they lock the students in their rooms from six to ten in the evening, therefore compelling the student to study. This is true in some private schools. A regular time and place to study is highly commendable. Parents should provide conditions favorable to student concentration and study. Because parents pay the cost of their children's

education in the form of taxes instead of tuition does not lessen their responsibility to provide quarters conducive to their children's education.

One other superiority of the small school is found in extra-curricular activities. In some schools the chances of a boy playing basketball or baseball are 1 to 100, whereas in Smith Academy the possibility is 1 to 2. This is true in almost any activity which you can find. The advantages in a small school are obvious.

Finally, and foremost in our consideration, is the fact that we offer individualized instruction. Inasmuch as our classes are small, each child receives many opportunities to contribute in the classroom. Because the numbers in our classes are small, our teachers are in a position to locate individual pupil needs and difficulties. When these are established, our teachers direct their activities to the individual needs.

To all those individuals and organizations that have made 1953 such a successful year, our sincerest gratitude. A successful educational program depends upon your continued efforts and interest. The pupils in your schools are extremely grateful to you for your support. Though the pupils of the town may not always be articulate in their gratitude, this gratitude is by no means diminished thereby.

JOHN C. JAKOBEK,

Principal.

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1953-1954

Superintendent of Schools

John C. Jakobek

Smith Academy

Russell Bastin, U. S. History, World History, Problems of Democracy, English, Mathematics, Ass't Principal
George Feiker, Agriculture

Florence Muller, Algebra I & II, Plane Geometry, French I, II & III

Margaret Pruzynski, Typing I & II, Shorthand I & II, Secretarial Practice, Bookkeeping

Mary E. Ryan, English

Mary Spakowski, Home & Family, Biology, Home Economics

John Symancyk, General Science, Physics, Physical Education

Center School

Raymond Jenness, General Science, Principal

Martha Boyle, Grade 2

Mary Donelson, Grade 3

Hilda Fortsch, Grade 4

Constance Mullany, Grade 5

Jean Kempisty, Grade 6, Arithmetic, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Sarah Kiley, Grade 7, Social Studies, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Dorothy Breor, Grade 8, English, Grades 6, 7 and 8

School Street School

Helen Kostek, Grade 1

Lena Fitzgerald, Grade 1

School Nurse

SCHOOL HEALTH AS REPORTED BY THE SCHOOL NURSE

The school health program consists of all the practices and procedures which will assist in maintaining sound health where it already exists and providing assistance by means of examination and referral where disabilities exist. The school health program is directed toward supplementing the health care of the home.

The following activities were carried on by your school nurse during the year 1953. Emergency First Aid was provided for all minor injuries. In addition, all pupils who were referred to the school nurse by the classroom teachers were carefully checked. Whenever it was deemed advisable, pupils were referred to the school physician, or the family physician for a thorough examination.

In keeping with the intent of the legislature, more emphasis is being placed on physical examinations by your school health authorities. In addition to the usual physical examinations by the school physician, the students in the fourth grade received added attention. Parents of our fourth grade pupils were invited to attend the physical examinations of their children. The purpose of this innovation in health examinations is not only to provide the parents with an opportunity to discuss the health of the child but also provide the child with a chance to ask questions relating to health.

Many parents of the fourth grade students availed themselves of this opportunity. This program involving parental participation will be extended to other grades as opportunities to do so permit. I am privileged to report that the general health of the students in the local schools is very good. The few students that showed minor defects were advised of their condition and the correction thereof. Whenever serious defects were located, a home visit was made to inform the parents of these defects.

The above procedures have been carried out in our vision testing program as well. Through the generosity of the Hatfield Lions Club, the Health Department is equipped with its own testing device, the Massachusetts Vision Test. This is a highly accurate device for screening school children's eyes. Those pupils that fail to pass the test are rechecked locally. When a child fails to pass the test after repeated trials, the parents are notified of this fact in writing. Each parent is requested to provide expert optical care for children who have vision defects. Follow-up studies are made to see that the children in need of care are provided with this care. Of the 335 pupils examined, 35 were found to have one or more disabilities. It may be pointed out that of the 35 referrals for additional expert care, every referral was substantiated although eye glasses were not prescribed in every case.

Hearing tests were also administered to all the pupils in the schools. Six cases of hearing disabilities or difficulties were discovered. Most of the parents of these children have provided the additional medical attention needed.

A spring immunization clinic was held as a preventive health measure. This year booster injections of

Triple Antigen were given to 97 pupils in grades 1 through 4. Eighty-eight pupils in grades 5 through 8 received injections of Double Antigen.

As a result of our physical examinations, two students were enrolled at Camp Hodgkins where their physical stamina was improved.

The following communicable diseases were reported to this office:

Scarlet Fever	1
Chicken Pox	87
Mumps	71

Among the activities in which your school nurse participated were:

A course in Home Nursing, Child Care and First Aid to the girls in the ninth grade.

Registration day for the first grade students.

The school census and a study of future first grade enrollees.

To the Hatfield Lions Club, donors of the Massachusetts Vision Test which has proven to be so helpful and all the others who have cooperated to make 1953 a healthful year, our kindest appreciation is extended.

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R.N.

Visiting Nurse

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The Directors of the Visiting Nurse Association present the following report:

This service which has been offered to your community for the past six years is gaining in volume as many more families avail themselves of the opportunity of receiving nursing care.

The total number of visits made by the Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Lucille Godek, were 525. They are Classified as follows:

Clinical Medical	358
Acute Medical	62
Surgical	31
Child Welfare	48
Public Health	14
Maternity	12
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Total	525

In addition to the above work a "Well Child Clinic" was held in the Community Rooms in May, when Dr. Stephen Brown of Amherst examined 69 children. Follow up visits were made to the home of those for whom Dr. Brown made recommendation for correction. Mrs. Rose Schoonmaker of Amherst was Nutritionist at this clinic.

Our expense and receipts for 1953 were:

Balance as of January 1, 1953	\$586.64
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Receipts from:

Visiting Nurse	\$348.00
Town of Hatfield	1,020.00

Total receipts for 1953	\$1,368.00
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Total cash	\$1,954.64
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Expenses:

Nurse's Salary	\$1,300.00
Nurse's Mileage	87.03
Telephone	81.13
Printing of checks	2.50
Social Security	18.84
Community calendar	0.75
Postage	3.34

Total expenses for 1953	\$1,493.59
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Balance as of January 1, 1954	\$461.05
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Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL I. BYRNE,

Chairman, Nursing Advisory Committee

School Lunch

To the Superintendent and the School Committee of Hatfield:

Last September we announced 15 cents to be the price of our school lunch. At the time we expressed our desire to maintain this price throughout the school year. The government has again helped with surplus commodities and we expect to continue as planned.

Fifty-four pupils entered our first grade last September causing a shift in the time of peak pupil load at the lunchroom. This necessitated the services of an additional worker. Mrs. Christine O'Dea accepted this position.

At the December P. T. C. meeting, all parents and friends were invited to visit our lunchroom in operating hours. The offer is always open. A visitor to our lunchroom will notice elementary school teachers seated at the table with their pupils. We are indebted to the teachers for this help in the presenting of good manners, for we believe good citizenship has to be lived, not taught.

The following information gives a picture of school lunch activity:

Month	No. of Lunch Days	No. of Meals Served
January	20	4978
February	15	3696
March	22	5696
April	17	4223
May	21	5312
June	11	2372
September	16	4962
October	20	6000
November	18	5224
December	17	5010
Total	<hr/> 177	<hr/> 47,730

Lunch was served three days less than the previous year but lunches served rose from 43,023 in 1952 to 47,473 in 1953. The increase in enrollment since September could not have accounted for all the extra meals served. Good food has been the larger factor. Mrs. Mullins and her workers are to be congratulated.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Receipts:

Balance January 1, 1953	\$7,260.59
Collections 1953	7,523.82
Total	<hr/> \$14,784.41

Payments:

Wages	\$2,646.30
Food	4,511.14
Fuel	109.90
Miscellaneous Supplies	72.81

New Equipment	980.89	
Phone	11.55	
Repairs	22.29	
Travel	8.94	
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Total Payments		\$8,363.82
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Balance January 1, 1954		\$6,420.59

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION FUND

Receipts:

Receipts 1953	\$4,389.30
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Payments:

Wages	\$1,858.70
Food	2,090.02
Repairs	154.45
Miscellaneous Supplies	101.40
Fuel	70.65
Travel	49.62
Miscellaneous Equipment	64.46

Total Payments	<hr/>	\$4,389.30
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RAYMOND N. JENNESS,

Director, Hatfield School Lunch



HENRY F. LONG
COMMISSIONER

FRANCIS X. LANG
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Division of Accounts
State House, Boston

April 15, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John Cernak, Chairman
Hatfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1952, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1952, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's cash book and the payments were compared with the approved treasury warrants. The appropriation ledger accounts were checked with the appropriations voted by the town, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings. The departmental accounts receivable were compared with the records of the departments committing the charges and with the treasurer's record of collections. A balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1952.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the board of selectmen and the cash balance on February 14, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the

bank balance with a statement received from the depository and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes, contributory retirement system and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were examined. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue, the county treasurer, and the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on February 14, 1953 were proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the payments to the town were verified.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amount of debt and interest falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists of taxes and excise, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The collections as recorded were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked with the records of the assessors, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified and the cash on hand on February 14, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the 1952 tax rate.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses and permits granted by the board of selectmen and issued by the town clerk were checked with the records of licenses and permits granted. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand on February 14, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on February 14, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the inspector of slaughtering, the tree warden, and of the public welfare, veterans' services, school and cemetery departments were examined. The charges were listed and compared with the accountant's record of commitments, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The recorded receipts of the school department for school lunches, the high school athletic program and the dental clinic were examined, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked. The charges for the sale of water and for water services were added and compared with the commitments entered in the accountant's ledger. The recorded collections and abatements were checked, the pay-

ments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The librarian's records of receipts for fines were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on February 25, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the highway department payrolls. The recorded collections were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all the town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1952	\$109,489.87	
Receipts	380,775.32	
		\$490,265.19
Payments	\$382,113.98	
Balance December 31, 1952	108,151.21	
		\$490,265.19
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Balance January 1, 1953	\$108,151.21	
Receipts January 1 to February 14, 1953	49,357.51	
		\$157,508.72
Payments January 1 to February 14, 1953:		
Per Warrants	\$18,3929.33	
Without warrants:		
Federal taxes	648.20	
		\$19,040.53
Balance February 14, 1953:		
Cash in office, verified	\$5,083.09	
First National Bank, Northampton	133,385.10	
		138,468.19
		\$157,508.72
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First National Bank, Northampton

Balance February 14, 1953, per statement		\$136,289.95
Balance February 14, 1953, per check book	\$133,385.10	
Outstanding checks February 14, 1953, per list	2,904.85	
		\$136,289.95
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PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS**Federal Taxes**

Deductions 1952	\$8,735.68
Payments to Collector of Internal Revenue 1952	\$8,735.68
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Deductions January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$1,016.90
Balance February 14, 1953, in general treasury	\$1,016.90
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County Retirement System

Deductions 1952	\$1,426.25
Refund 1952	.72
	\$1,426.97
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Payments to county treasurer 1952	\$1,426.97
Deductions January 1 to February 14 1953	\$162.06
Payments to county treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$90.75
Balance February 14, 1953, in general treasury	71.31
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	\$162.06

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Deductions 1952	\$1,259.75
Payments to Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., 1952	\$1,259.75
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Deductions January 1 to February 14, 1953		\$111.45
Payments to Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$94.95	
Balance February 14, 1953, in general treasury	16.50	
		<u>\$111.45</u>

POLL TAXES—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$26.00
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$22.00	
Abatements 1952	4.00	
		<u>\$26.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$174.88
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$20.48	
Abatements 1952	154.40	
		<u>\$174.88</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$110.43
Payments to treasurer 1952		<u>\$110.43</u>

POLL TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$106.00
Payments to treasurer	\$48.00	
Abatements	52.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	6.00	
		<u>\$106.00</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$6.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$6.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$428.09
Abatements reported in error	125.40
Abatements after payment, refunded	5.28
	\$558.77

Payments to treasurer	\$194.12
Abatements	231.00
Outstanding Wecember 31, 1952	133.65
	\$558.77

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$133.65
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$133.65

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$748.98
Payments to treasurer	\$724.23
Outstanding December 31, 1952	24.75
	\$748.98

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$24.75
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$24.75

POLL TAXES—1949

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$308.00
Payments to treasures	\$126.00	
Abatements	168.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	14.00	
		\$308.00
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Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$14.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953		\$14.000

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1949

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$653.28	
Abatements reported in error	121.60	
		\$774.88
Payments to treasurer	\$395.52	
Abatements	256.16	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	123.20	
		\$774.88
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Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$123.20
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953		\$123.20

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1949

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$1,219.20
Payments to treasurer	\$907.20	
Abatements	80.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	232.00	
		\$1,219.20

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$232.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$203.50	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	28.80	
		<u>\$232.00</u>

POLL TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$256.00
Payments to treasurer	\$102.00	
Abatements	128.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	26.00	
		<u>\$256.00</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$26.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$14.00	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	12.00	
		<u>\$26.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$990.92
Payments to treasurer	\$542.50	
Abatements	15.35	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	433.07	
		<u>\$990.92</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$433.07
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$366.11	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	66.96	
		<u>\$433.07</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$5,806.07
Payments to treasurer	\$4,180.26	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	1,625.81	
		<u>\$5,806.07</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$1,625.81
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$1,473.14	
Abatements January 1 to February 14, 1953	15.50	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	137.17	
		<u>\$1,625.81</u>

POLL TAXES—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$310.00
Payments to treasurer	\$224.00	
Abatements	50.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	36.00	
		<u>\$310.00</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$36.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$22.00	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	14.00	
		<u>\$36.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$2,840.47	
Commitment entered in error	.04	
Abatement of real estate taxes 1951 reported as personal property taxes 1951	3.30	
Abatements after payment refunded	275.00	
		\$3,118.81
Payments to treasurer	\$1,992.57	
Abatements	381.78	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	744.46	
		<u>\$3,118.81</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$744.46	
Audit adjustment:		
Abatement reported in error	.02	
		\$744.88
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$487.08	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list		\$744.88
		<u>\$744.88</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$27,355.85	
Commitment entered in error	.10	
Abatements after payment refunded	3.30	
		\$27,359.25

Payments to treasurer	\$23,467.43	
Abatement of real estate taxes		
1951 reported as personal		
property taxes 1951	3.30	
Abatements	145.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	3,743.32	
		\$27,359.25

Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$3,743.32
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
February 14, 1953	\$1,815.01	
Abatements January 1 to February 14,		
1953	16.50	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per		
list		1,911.81
		\$3,743.32

POLL TAXES—1952

Commitment per warrant	\$1,490.00	
Abatements after payment refunded	6.00	
		\$1,496.00
Payments to treasurer	\$900.00	
Abatements	318.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	278.00	
		\$1,496.00

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$278.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$174.00
Abatements January 1 to February 14, 1953	16.00
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	88.00
	<u>\$278.00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1952

Commitment per warrant	\$13,198.27
Overpayments to collector refunded	20.35
	\$13,218.62
Payments to treasurer	\$10,284.52
Abatements	120.99
Outstanding December 31, 1952	2,813.11
	<u>\$13,218.62</u>

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$2,813.11
Abatements after payment refunded January 1 to February 14, 1953	225.70
	\$3,038.81
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$1,166.24
Abatements January 1 to February 14, 1953	225.70
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	1,646.87
	<u>\$3,038.81</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1952

Commitment per warrant	\$115,153.33	
Additional commitment	48.10	
Abatements after payment refunded	314.50	
		\$115,515.93
Payments to treasurer	\$81,199.32	
Payments to treasurer		\$81,199.32
Abatements	2,162.55	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	32,154.06	
		\$115,515.93
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Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$32,154.06
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$16,860.11	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list		15,293.95
		\$32,154.06
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MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1946

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$5.19
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$5.19
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MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1947

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$30.50
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$30.50

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1948

Outstanding January 1, 1952		\$360.28
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$267.93	
Abatements	73.85	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	18.50	
		\$360.28
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Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$18.50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$18.50

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1949

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$781.37
Payments to treasurer	\$669.78
Abatements	46.40
Outstanding December 31, 1952	65.19
	\$781.37

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$65.19
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$65.19

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1950

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$1,440.65
Payments to treasurer	\$1,098.50
Abatements	126.96
Outstanding December 31, 1952	215.19
	\$1,440.65

Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$215.19
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$171.59
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	43.60
	\$215.19

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1951

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$7,097.57	
Additional commitments	1,341.09	
Abatement reported in error	.08	
Abatements after payment refunded	90.91	
		\$8,529.65
Payments to treasurer	\$5,555.72	
Abatements	2,384.48	
Outstanding December 31, 1953	589.45	
		\$8,529.65
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Outstanding January 1, 1953		\$589.45
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
February 14, 1953	\$382.94	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per		
list	206.51	
		\$589.45

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1952

Commitment per warrants	\$18,563.93	
Abatements after payment refunded	238.48	
		\$18,802.41
Payments to treasurer	\$11,006.66	
Abatements	435.41	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$7,360.34	
		\$18,802.41
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Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$7,360.34	
Additional commitments January 1 to		
February 14, 1953	3,379.12	
Abatements after payments:		
Refunded January 1 to February 11,		
1953	73.04	
To be refunded	73.04	
		\$11,017.87

Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$5,514.77	
Abatements January 1 to February 14, 1953	1,829.98	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	3,673.12	
		<u>\$11,017.87</u>

INTEREST AND COSTS IN TAXES

Collections January 1, 1952 to
February 14, 1953:

Interest:

Taxes:

Levy of 1946	\$.20
Levy of 1947	7.25
Levy of 1948	70.82
Levy of 1949	99.15
Levy of 1950	211.35
Levy of 1951	307.11
Levy of 1952	146.37

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1946	.36
Levy of 1947	.40
Levy of 1948	18.92
Levy of 1949	25.47
Levy of 1950	40.00
Levy of 1951	40.71
Levy of 1952	7.82

\$975.93

Costs:

Taxes:

Levy of 1947	\$1.75
Levy of 1948	13.25

Levy of 1949	27.65
Levy of 1950	21.70
Levy of 1951	35.50
Levy of 1952	17.85

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1946	.70
Levy of 1947	.70
Levy of 1948	20.50
Levy of 1949	32.45
Levy of 1950	41.50
Levxy of 1951	43.85
Levy of 1952	10.85

258.25

\$1,234.18

Payments to treasurer:

1952:

Interest	\$648.12
Costs	.35

\$648.47

January 1 to February 14, 1953:

Interest	327.81
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Costs retained:

1952	\$217.50
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January 1 to February 14, 1953	40.40
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\$1,234.18

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1952:

Alcoholic beverage	\$5,250.00
Special beer	35.00
Junk	24.00
Auto dealer	100.00

Sale of firerams	3.00
Cabin	1.50
Slaughter	1.00
Milk	1.50
Oleomargarine	1.00
Gasoline	9.00
Entertainment	100.00
Pinball machine	63.99
Sunday	13.00
Common victualler	11.00
	\$5,613.99

Payments to treasurer	\$5,160.66
Balance December 31, 1952	3.33
	\$5,613.99

Balance January 1, 1953	\$3.33
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Licenses issued January 1 to
February 14, 1953:

Alcoholic beverage	\$550.00
Auto dealer	50.00
Cabin	3.00
Entertainment	3.25
Pinball machine	20.00
	626.25
	\$629.58

Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$624.25
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Cash on hand February 14, 1953 verified	5.33
	\$629.58

TOWN CLERK**Dog Licenses**

Cash balance January 1, 1952	\$1.80	
Licenses issued 1952:		
Male, 111 @ \$2.00	\$222.00	
Female, 12 @ \$5.00	60.00	
Spayed female, 45 @		
90.00	\$2.00	
Kennel, 1 @ \$10.00	10.00	
Kennel, 1 @ \$25.00	\$25.00	
	407.00	
		\$408.80
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$374.80	
Fees retained 1952, 170 @ \$.20	34.00	
		\$408.80
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Licenses issued January 1 to		
February 14, 1953:		
Male, 1 @ \$2.00		\$2.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
February 14, 1953	\$1.80	..
Fees retained January 1 to		
February 14, 1953, 1 @ \$.20	.20	
		\$2.00
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TOWN CLERK**Sporting Licenses**

Licenses issued 1952:	
Series 1, 124 @ \$3.25	\$403.00
Series 2, 60 @ \$3.25	195.00
Series 3, 110 @ \$5.25	577.50

Series 4, 22 @ \$1.25	27.50
Series 4A, 29 @ \$2.25	65.25
Series 5, 5 @ \$2.25	11.25
Series 6, 10 @ \$5.25	52.50
Series 7, 4 @ \$2.75	11.00
Series 9, 2 @ \$7.75	15.50
Duplicate, 3 @ .50	1.50
	\$1,360.00

Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1952	\$1,268.50
Fees retained 1952, 366 @ \$.25	91.50
	<u>\$1,360.00</u>

Licenses issued January 1 to
February 14, 1953:

Series 1, 26 @ \$3.25	\$84.50
Series 2, 4 @ \$3.25	13.00
Series 3, 61 @ \$5.25	320.25
Series 4, 3 @ \$1.25	3.75
Series 4A, 2 @ \$2.25	4.50
Series 6, 1 @ \$7.75	7.75
Series 9, 1 @ \$7.75	7.75
	\$441.50

Payments to Division of Fisheries
and Game January 1 to February 14,
1953

	\$395.00
Fees retained January 1 to February 14, 1953, 98 @ \$.25	24.50
Cash on hand February 14, 1953, verified	22.00
	<u>\$441.50</u>

Gasoline Renewals

Balance January 1, 1952	\$1.50	
Permits issued	7.50	\$9.00
Payments to treasurer	\$7.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1952 and February 14, 1953, verified	1.50	\$9.00
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TOWN HALL RENTALS

Balance January 1, 1952	\$50.00	
Charges 1952	145.00	\$195.00
Payments to treasurer 1952		\$195.00

COURT FINES

Fines 1952	\$325.00
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$325.00
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Fines January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$35.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$35.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Edward Zelinsky—Sealer

Fees January 1 to July 31, 1952	\$97.40
Payments to treasurer January 1 to July 31, 1952	\$97.40
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Ralph Pickett—Sealer

Fees August 1 to December 31, 1952		\$24.60
Cash balance December 31, 1952		\$24.60
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Cash balance January 1, 1953	\$24.60	
Fees January 1 to February 14, 1953	1.00	
		\$25.60
Cash on hand February 14, 1953, verified		\$25.60
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TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$6.00	
Commitments 1952	5.00	
		\$11.00
Payments to treasurer 1952		\$11.00
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Slaughter Inspection Fees—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$46.00	
Commitments	131.25	
		\$177.25
Payments to treasurer	\$114.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	63.25	
		\$177.25
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Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$63.25	
Commitments January 1 to February 14, 1953	8.00	\$71.25
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$47.50	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	23.75	\$71.25
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1952	\$165.00
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$165.00

Road Machinery Earnings

Earnings 1952:		
Chapter 81	\$2,236.00	
Chapter 90	88.00	
Water department	24.00	\$2,348.00
Payments to treasurer 1952		\$2,348.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

General Relief—Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1952	\$502.85
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$502.85

Disability Assistance—Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1952		\$771.98
Payments to treasurer	\$760.40	
Outstanding December 31 1952	11.58	
		<u>\$771.98</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$11.58	
Commitments January 1 to February 14, 1953	12.12	
		\$23.70
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953		\$23.70

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$527.49	
Commitments	1,399.97	
		\$1,927.46
Payments to treasurer	\$1,482.68	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	444.78	
		<u>\$1,927.46</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$444.78	
Commitments January 1 to February 14, 1953	446.06	
		\$890.84
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list		<u>\$890.84</u>

BUREAU OF OLD GE ASSISTANCE**Accounts Receivable**

Commitments 1952		\$7,335.13
Payments to treasurer	\$7,261.40	
Disallowances	9.41	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	64.32	
		<u>\$7,335.13</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$64.32	
Commitments January 1 to February 14, 1953	1,196.60	
		\$1,260.92
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$557.87	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	703.05	
		<u>\$1,260.92</u>

VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT**Veterans' Farm Training—Accounts Receivable**

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$15.62	
Commitments	80.03	
		\$95.65
Payments to treasurer	\$80.52	
Commitment entered in error	.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	14.83	
		<u>\$95.65</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$14.83	
Commitments January 1 to February 14, 1953	5.15	
		\$19.98

Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$14.83	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	5.15	
		<u><u>\$19.98</u></u>

SCHOOL DEUARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$218.08	
Commitments 1952	304.23	
		\$522.31
Payments to treasurer 1952		<u><u>\$522.31</u></u>

Dental Clinic

Collections 1952	\$91.00
Payments to treasurer 1952	<u><u>\$91.00</u></u>

Lunch Program

Receipts 1952	\$7,190.12
Payments to treasurer 1952	\$7,190.12
Receipts January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$1,303.60
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	<u><u>\$1,303.60</u></u>

Athletic Fund

Receipts 1952	\$2,135.76
Payments to treasurer 1952	<u><u>\$2,135.76</u></u>
Receipts January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$647.69
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	<u><u>\$647.69</u></u>

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Balance January 1, 1952	\$8.10	
Fines	85.40	\$93.50
Payments to treasurer	\$85.00	
Cash balance December 31, 1952	8.50	\$93.50
Cash balance January 1, 1953	\$8.50	
Fines January 1 to February 14, 1953	16.24	\$24.74
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$20.35	
Cash balance February 11, 1953	4.39	\$24.74
Cash balance February 15, 1953	\$4.39	
Fines February 15 to 25, 1953	1.68	\$6.07
Cash on hand February 25, 1953, verified		\$6.07

WATER DEPARTMENT**Rates**

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$2,162.02	
Commitments	\$10,844.68	\$13,046.70
Payments to treasurer	\$9,761.18	
Abatements	446.45	
Outstanding December 31, 1952	\$2,839.07	\$13,046.70

Optstanding January 1, 1953		\$2,839.07
Payments to treasurer January 1 to February 14, 1953	\$442.70	
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list	2,396.37	
		<u>\$2,839.07</u>

Connections and Miscellaneous—Accounts Receivable

Commitments 1952		\$725.00
Payments to treasurer	\$550.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952 and February 14, 1953, per list	175.00	
		<u>\$725.00</u>

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1952	\$142.00	
Commitments	351.00	
		\$493.00
Payments to treasurer	\$237.00	
Abatements	54.00	
Outstanding January 1, 1953	\$202.00	
		<u>\$493.00</u>
Outstanding December 31, 1952	202.00	
Collections in advance of commitment February 14, 1953	8.00	
		\$210.00
Outstanding February 14, 1953, per list		<u>\$210.00</u>

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$45.08	\$45.08
On hand December 31, 1952	\$71.84	\$71.84
On hand February 14, 1953	\$71.84	\$71.84

Receipts**Payments****1952**

Income	\$1.76	Added to savings	
Donation	\$25.00	deposits	\$26.76
	<u>\$26.76</u>		<u>\$26.76</u>

January 1 to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

HATFIELD LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$747.94	\$747.94
On hand December 31, 1952	\$766.74	\$766.74
On hand February 14, 1953	\$766.74	\$766.74

Receipts**Payments****1952**

Income	\$18.80	Added to savings	
		deposits	\$18.80
	<u>\$18.80</u>		<u>\$18.80</u>

January to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

HILL CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$765.29	\$765.29
On hand December 31, 1952	\$765.29	\$765.29
On hand February 14, 1953	\$765.29	\$765.29

Receipts	1952	Payments	
Income	\$17.31	Transfer to town	\$17.31
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

January to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

MAIN STREET CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$10.00	\$10.00
On hand December 31, 1952	\$10.00	\$10.00
On hand February 14, 1953	\$10.00	\$10.00

Receipts	1952	Payments	
Income	\$.22	Transfer to town	\$.22
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

January to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$13,273.09	\$13,273.09
On hand December 31, 1952	\$13,654.34	\$13,654.34
On hand February 14, 1953	113,654.34	\$13,654.34

Receipts		Payments	
	1952		
Bequests	\$375.00	Added to savings	
Income	302.94	deposits	\$381.25
		Transfer to town	269.69
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	\$677.94		\$677.94
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January to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1952	\$471.35	\$471.35
On hand December 31st, 1952	\$1,832.36	\$1,832.36
On hand February 14, 1953	\$1,832.36	\$1,832.36

Receipts

Payments

1952

Balance from Cen-		Added to savings	
ter School heating		deposits	\$1,361.01
plant	\$1,329.74		
Income	31.27		
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>
	\$1,361.01		\$1,361.01
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

January to February 14, 1953

No transactions recorded.

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1952

Assets

Cash		\$108,151.21	Tailings		\$146.85
Accounts Receivable:			Premium on Water Main Loan		1.53
Taxes:			Federal Grants:		
Levy of 1948:			Aid to Dependent Children:		
Poll	\$6.00		Aid	\$167.68	
Personal Property	133.65		Old Age Assistance:		
Real Estate	24.75	164.40	Assistance	121.71	
Levy of 1949:			George Barden and		
Poll	\$14.00		Smith-Hughes Fund	869.58	1,158.97
Personal Property	123.20				
Real Estate	232.00	369.20	School Lunch Fund		7,260.59
Levy of 1950:			School Athletic Fund		1,384.67
Poll	\$26.00		Appropriation Balances:		
Personal Property	433.07		Revenue:		
Real Estate	1,625.81	2,084.88	Chapter 90, Bridge		\$372.99
			Construction		

Levy of 1951:			
Poll	\$36.00	Bridge Repairs	480.67
Personal Property	744.46	Library Building	
Real Estate	3,743.32	Repairs	643.98
		Civilian Defense	875.95
		Land Taking:	
		Highways, Sunset	
		Avenue	300.00
		Water Shed	2,800.00
		Cemeteries	300.00
		Unpaid Bills	20.00
		Improvement Water	
		Shed	1,076.88
Motor Vehicle and Trailer			
Excise:		Non-Revenue:	
Levy of 1948	\$18.50	Water Main Chestnut	
Levy of 1949	65.19	and Prospect	
Levy of 1950	215.19	Streets	2,149.57
Levy of 1951	589.45	Water Main Plain	
Levy of 1952	7,360.34	Road	8,708.92
			17,728.96
Departmental:			
Slaughter Fees	\$63.25	Water Available Surplus	14,672.59
Disability Assistance	11.58	Overestimate 1952—County Tax	801.53

Aid to Dependent Children	444.78	Road Machinery Fund	6,138.96
Old Age Assistance	64.32	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,819.45
Veteran's Services	14.83	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Cemetery	202.00	Levy of 1949	\$ 369.20
Water Department:		Levy of 1950	2,084.88
Rates	\$2,839.07	Levy of 1951	3,718.18
Connections and		Levy of 1952	5,082.36
Miscellaneous	175.00		11,254.62
Aid to Highways:		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
State	\$10,177.36	Motor Vehicle and	
County	3,686.44	Trailer Excise	\$8,248.67
		Departmental	800.76
		Water	3,014.07
Underestimates 1952		State and County Aid	
Assessments:		to Highway	13,863.80
State Parks and			25,927.30
Reservations	\$27.62	Surplus Revenue	87,463.99
State Audit of Municipal			
Accounts	105.43		
	133.05		

January 25, 1954

To the Board of Selectmen ,
Mr. John Cernak, Chairman
Hatfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir :

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1953, and submit the following report thereon :

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, and the payments were compared with the approved treasury warrants. The appropriation ledger accounts were checked with the appropriations voted by the town as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings, and the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the finance committee's authorizations on file.

A trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1953.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the board of selectmen and the cash balance on December 31, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes, county retirement system, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were examined and checked, the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue, the county treasurer, and the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., being verified.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger, and the cash balance on December 31, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts from dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand on December 31, 1953 was approved by actual count.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings were listed from the clerk's records and compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the 1953 tax rate.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, town treasurer, tax collector, water collector, and deputy tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The recorded receipts for licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen and by the town clerk were checked with the records of licenses and permits granted. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand December 31, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined. The recorded receipts were checked with the records of fees charged, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 2, 1954 was proved by actual count.

The records of accounts receivable of the inspector of slaughtering and the public welfare, veterans' services, school, and cemetery departments were examined and checked. The charges were listed and compared with the commitments reported to the accountant, the recorded receipts and abatements were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The receipts of the school department pertaining to school lunches and athletic activities were examined and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined. The commitments of water rates and services were added and checked with the accountant's ledger. The recorded collections and abatements were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand December 31, 1953 was proved by actual count.

The outstanding tax and water accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of receipts of the library were examined, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 13, 1954 was proved by actual count.

The charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the highway department payrolls. The recorded collections were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF HATFIELD

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$115,329.16	Tailings	\$146.85
Accounts Receivable:		Premium on Water Loan	2.67
Taxes:		Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1950:		Aid to Dependent Children:	\$.39
Personal Property	\$62.00	Administration	
Real Estate	12.40		
		Old Age Assistance:	
Levy of 1951:		Administration	5.92
Poll	\$6.00	George-Barden and	
Personal Property	95.37	Smith-Highes	
Real Estate	315.98	Funds	1,268.61
Levy of 1952:			
Poll	\$30.00		1,274.92

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$91,000.00	Water Main Loans	\$91,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds—		Firemen's Relief Fund	\$73.72
Cash and Securities	\$17,378.60	Hatfield Library Fund	786.99
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
		Main Street Cemetery General	
		Care Fund	10.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,861.84
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,880.76
	\$17,378.60		
			\$17,378.60

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1954

SELECTMEN

John Cernak, Chairman

John J. Fortsch

Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr.

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mitchell W. Kempisty, Chairman

John W. Mullins, Jr.

Lewis Wendolowski

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John Osley, Jr., Chairman

Edward S. Kowalski

Zygmunt S. Jaworski

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael Yanginski, Chairman

Rupert Harubin

Arthur Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chairman
 Henry W. Wolfram Edward S. Kowalski

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frank T. Woodward, Chairman
 Sarah V. Kiley Jean Kempisty

ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Frank T. Woodward

TREE WARDEN

Francis E. Godin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George J. Zgrodnik, Chairman
 Luther A. Belden William E. Boyle

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Howard B. Abbott, Chairman
 Joseph Pelc Peter S. Rogaleski Edward T. Kostek

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude B. Rogaleski

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Francis E. Godin

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

William J. Sheehan

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Peter Novak

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

Lucille Godek

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas P. Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

John Wentzel

Henry Donnis

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majesky

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry Sliwoski

DOG OFFICER

Henry Sliwoski

CONSTABLES

Henry Sliwoski
James E. McGrath
Thomas Shea
Mitchell Kempisty

Joseph S. Wilkes
Stanley J. Filipek
Peter Kubosiak
John Brennan

POLICE OFFICERS

Francis Godin	Waclaw Yanucik
Henry Kosakowski	Peter Malinowski
Anthony Malinowski	Edward Breor
Stanley Malinowski	Simeon M. Bourdon
William Podmayer	Kenneth Carpenter
Stanley Prucnal	William Sheehan
Peter Backiel	George Omasta

FIRE CHIEF

Michael J. Yarrows

FIREFIGHTERS

Arthur Brassord, Asst. Chief	John Cernak
Francis McGrath, Capt.	Francis Godin
Arthur Smith, Lieut.	Mitchell Kempisty
Edward Breor	Joseph Krawczyk
Thomas Mullany	Martin Brassord
Herbert Smith	William Betsold
Raymond Balise	Frank Romanowski
William Boyle	John Gizienski
Marcus Boyle	Frank Zawacki
Joseph Wendlowski	Thomas Sheehan
Henry Kosakowski	Raymond Jenness
Peter Kubosiak	Marcus Mullins
Alfred Proulx	Edward Skarpetowski
John Fortsch	Edward Kempisty
Bernard Pelis	Frank Filipek
Bernard Shaw	Charles Petrowicz

North Hatfield

Ralph Pickett, Capt.
 Rudolph Mathieu
 Donald Mathieu, Eng.
 Richard Belden
 Clifford Belden, Jr.
 Philip Maiewski
 Charles Belden
 Louis Kubilis

Albert Omasta
 Michael Omasta
 Steve Duga
 Thomas Smith, Jr.
 Edward Wroblewski
 Herman Southard
 John Maslowski
 M. Siemionko

TOWN OF HATFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated 1670

Area 8900 Acres

Elevation 132 feet at Main Street

Population 1955 Census — 2223

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Hampshire District

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.
 Chesterfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Franklin and Hampshire District

Ralph C. Mahar
 Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.

John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday, the 21st day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for one year; three Selectmen for one year; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; Elector under the will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the amounts received from the dog fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,604.65 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the County Commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00, for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00, the state and county share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state and county, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state and county share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the state's share in anticipation of reimbursement from the state, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state's share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00, the town's share, for new construction on Elm Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 for the completion of the sewer on Elm Street, and the installation of septic tanks and/or construction of filter beds, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$450.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$700.00 for the recreation program, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of a Visiting Nurse, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to install street lights in locations as follows:

Joseph Michajluk residence, Pantry Road, West Hatfield.

Walter Harubin residence, Depot Road, North Hatfield.

Michael Omasta residence, Plain Road, North Hatfield.

Joseph Osepowicz residence, Bridge Street, West Hatfield.

Bernard Kiley residence, Prospect Street, Hatfield.

Martin Zapka residence, Linseed Road, West Hatfield.

Edward Skarpetowski residence, Plain Road Ext., Hatfield.

Edward Zima residence, West Street, North Hatfield.

Sportsmen's Motel, West Street, West Hatfield, Mass.

or take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purchase and installation of a new chlorinator for the water department, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 or any other amount for the purpose of completing the eight-inch water main on Elm Street and determine whether the money shall be provided by the issuance of bonds or notes under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,500.00 to repair Brook Hollow bridge, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$500.00 for bridge repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for Dike Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for Fence Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the reconstruction of the sidewalk on easterly side of Main Street from the business center in a northerly direction, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer under provisions of Section 64 of Chapter 44, General Laws, for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, sums to accounts as follows: Welfare, \$968.00; Veterans' Benefits, \$768.75; fire department, \$34.50; Water Department, \$70.00; Insurance, \$308.80; or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1954, an act relative to liens for water rates and charges, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00, said sum together with sums now on hand for this purpose, be used to construct an additional room at the Hatfield Public Library, or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$1,000.00 from Arthur C. Bardwell and appropriate this gift for the additional room at the Hatfield Public Library, or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$300.00 for repairs to the basement at the Hatfield Public Library, or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund the sum of \$4,500.00 for the purchase of a truck for the highway department, or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$260.00 and pay said sum of Edward J. Majeskey, former Chief of Police, said amount being the balance of the \$900.00 salary due him and made possible to be paid by Chapter 337 of the Acts of 1953, or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to elect the members of the Board of Selectmen for a period of three years, or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain of a tract of land for cemetery purposes, or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to establish a School Building Committee of seven members to prepare plans for additional school facilities, or act anything thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 to defray the expenses of the School Building Committee and the preparation of preliminary plans by architects, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

JOHN CERNAK,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR.

Selectmen of Hatfield.

Report of Finance Committee

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	1954 Approp.	Amount Spent	1955 Requested	Recom- mended
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1955	\$25.00	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1955, 3 @ \$300.	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	93.74	150.00	150.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary, Jan. 1, 1955	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
6. Accountant's Expense	125.00	116.82	125.00	125.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1955	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	475.00	463.38	475.00	475.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1955	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	550.00	549.41	650.00	650.00
11. Assessors' Salary, Jan. 1, 1955, 3 @ \$550.	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	339.60	400.00	400.00

13.	Attorney's Fees	200.00	200.00	200.00
14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1955	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	347.44	350.00
16.	Election and Registration	650.00	634.27	875.00
17.	Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00	10.00
18.	Town Hall	6,000.00	5,436.31	6,000.00
19.	Police	1,200.00	1,299.90	2,000.00
20.	Fire Department	2,500.00	2,938.67	3,000.00
21.	Tree Work	1,600.00	1,595.72	1,600.00
22.	Moth Work	1,307.00	483.50	1,000.00
23.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
24.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Expense	100.00	80.46	100.00
25.	Public Health	1,000.00	162.50	1,000.00
26.	School Physician	300.00	300.00	400.00
27.	Insp. of Animals & Slaughter	550.00	407.49	360.00
28.	Insp. Children, Pre-School	100.00	....	100.00
29.	Insp. Children, Tuberculosis	75.00	62.50	75.00
30.	Highway, General	6,250.00	6,198.15	6,250.00

31.	Highway, Chap. 81	8,500.00	22,036.87	8,500.00	8,500.00
32.	*Highway, Chap. 81, fr Sur- plus Rev.	13,750.00	.....	13,750.00	13,750.00
33.	Highway, Chap. 90 Maint.	1,300.00	3,899.57	1,300.00	1,300.00
34.	*Highway, Chap. 90, Maint. fr. Surp. Rev.	2,600.00	.....	2,600.00	2,600.00
35.	Machinery Operating	3,000.00	2,381.38	3,000.00	3,000.00
36.	Street Lights	4,100.00	4,033.00	4,250.00	4,250.00
37.	Public Welfare	3,500.00	3,728.88	4,000.00	4,000.00
38.	Disability Assistance	3,500.00	2,942.91	3,500.00	3,500.00
39.	Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	2,233.50	3,000.00	3,000.00
40.	Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	14,688.65	14,000.00	14,000.00
41.	Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00	1,786.27	2,200.00	2,200.00
42.	School Committee Expense	100.00	68.58	200.00	200.00
43.	Schools	92,974.00	91,915.33	99,319.00	99,319.00
44.	Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	2,000.00	2,030.01	2,500.00	2,500.00
45.	Library	3,000.00	3,194.49	3,000.00	3,000.00
46.	Memorial Day	300.00	338.56	350.00	350.00
47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00

48.	Print and Deliver Town Re- ports	550.00	604.55	600.00	600.00
49.	Telephone	250.00	213.85	250.00	250.00
50.	Unclassified	100.00	10.00	100.00	100.00
51.	Binding Town Records	50.00	38.25	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	4,000.00	4,275.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
53.	*Reserve Fund fr. Overlay Surp. Surl. Rev.	\$3,900.00 2,100.00			
54.	*Water Commissioner's Sal- ary, Jan. 1, 1955 Chairman 2 Members @	6,000.00 600.00	5,996.72 600.00	6,000.00 600.00	6,000.00 600.00
55.	*Water Dept. fr. Water Av. Surpl. Surplus Rev.	7,500.00 800.00	8,390.97 982.59	7,500.00 900.00	7,500.00 900.00
56.	Cemeteries				
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1955 \$1.60 per. hr.				

58. *Water Mains Loans:				
fr. Water Av. Surplus	13,997.33	14,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
59. Interest, Water Mains Loans				
fr. Surp. Rev.	1,607.50	1,607.50	1,600.00	1,600.00
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	\$224,520.83		\$230,239.00	\$230,239.00
	46,054.83		39,450.00	39,450.00
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Fr. Available Funds	\$178,466.00		\$190,789.00	\$190,789.00
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Selectmen's Report

To our fellow Citizens:

We respectfully submit our annual report covering the activities of the board and other items of interest for the past year.

We purchased the Slosman property on Elm Street near the Northampton and Hatfield boundary. Part of this property will be used for a sewage disposal plant. Part of it is used to store highway equipment such as snow plows, snow fences, pipe, tile and what other items it has to put there.

The town now has a place to get its own fill, the soil there is fine red gravel. We thought that we could use this gravel for winter sanding but found that it had too much clay in it and froze easily and thus it is no good for our sanding machines.

We purchased a second-hand loader for the highway department. Although we rented this loader from its previous owner, the highway department feels much easier now to do the things they want to do with it. We feel that a loader in these times is a must.

We, with a group of four other men comprised a committee to purchase a fire truck for the town of Hatfield. To these men, namely Joseph V. Porada, Edward Breor, Jr., Peter Kubosiak and Michael Yarrows, we express in behalf of the town our sincere thanks for

their time and interest shown toward the town and its fire department. This committee after looking, comparing and much debating, decided on a Seagrave truck for the town of Hatfield. The truck is Seagrave, Model 500 B 750, 215 horsepower, 750 gallon per minute pump, Class A pumping engine with all bronze pump, semi-cab type and including suction hoses, nozzles, all necessary equipment except fire hose for a net sum of \$16 670.00.

We sold the old non-operative fire truck, for junk, to the highest bidder, Mitchel Kempisty, for \$90.

We accepted a deed for property from Peter Was-kiewicz who is in a hospital and who in this way wanted to pay some of his bills. This property we sold to the highest bidder, Mary Czapla, for \$18.

We sold land to John Zgrodnik on Elm Street, an abutter, for \$250.

We made two appointments due to resignations during the year. We appointed Henry Sliwoski as chief of police to succeed James E. McGrath, who resigned due to working out of state.

We appointed Peter Novak Sealer of Weights and Measures due to Ralph Pickett's resignation.

Our new construction plans were changed by the Department of Public Works. We anticipated putting in a storm sewer, a sanitary sewer and resurfacing the road on Elm Street as far as Dwight Street, but we were advised by the department to only put in the storm sewer all the way and the sanitary sewer as far as the appropriation lasted. The storm sewer and sanitary sewer were combined as one project in a contract, the

contract being awarded to Charles Eberlein, Jr. He completed the storm sewer from the Northampton-Hatfield line to about Kochan's Package store. The sanitary sewer is completed only to Pelc's.

This year our Chapter 90 project will be to resurface the road from the Northampton-Hatfield line to Pelc's. The Department of Public Works will not let us complete the resurfacing of Elm Street because we did not complete the laying of sanitary sewer and a water main.

We plan to finish laying the sanitary sewer and also to build a septic tank and filter bed.

The tank and filter bed we plan to build is designed by a University of Mass. professor, Mr. Harrington. This tank has not been approved by the Department of Public Health as of now, but after a few changes are made by the engineer the tank will be approved.

We had Sunset Avenue widened and resurfaced. This road was a hardship on the homeowners there.

We widened Chestnut street and blacktopped it. This road is extensively used by heavy trucks.

We called upon the Department of Public Works to inspect all our bridges. The Brook Hollow bridge is unsafe and we closed it. This bridge can be repaired but only for light vehicles. When repaired it will not be good for a load over two tons. This is the report given us on all the town's old bridges by the Department of Public Works:

REPORT ON BRIDGES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua St., Boston 14

Hatfield — 90

December 7, 1954

Bridge Inspection

Mr. C. M. Damon
District Highway Engineer

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of March 19, 1954, an examination has been made of the Pine Bridge, Mill River Bridge and Chestnut Street Bridge in Hatfield, and at the request of the Superintendent of Streets the Little Neponset Road Bridge and the Cow Brook Bridge were also inspected.

Pine Bridge

This structure, built in 1902, on Main Street over Pine Brook is a steel through Pratt truss having a span of 93' and a roadway width of 20' and is posted for 6 tons.

The inspector revealed that the structure, in general, is in good condition except for deterioration at the outstanding legs of the bottom chord angles and that there is a slight buckling of some of these members and one of the diagonals.

In its present condition, the bridge posting cannot be increased but, if so desired, the loading could probably be increased to 10 tons by adding new stringers or replacing the old with larger members and by welding plates to the deteriorated truss members and by strengthening the connections.

Chestnut Street Bridge

This structure, built in 1899, is a pony truss having a span of 52' and a roadway width of 15.5'. It is posted for 6 tons but the stringers, even under this loading, are 100 per cent overstressed.

The strength of this bridge could be raised to its posted load by adding stringers or by replacing the existing with deeper members. Some of the planking needs replacing. I would not recommend trying to strengthen the truss members on this bridge to increase the capacity.

Mill River Bridge

This structure, built in 1891, is a pony truss of steel or iron having two spans at 45' with a 20' roadway and one bracketed sidewalk. It is posted for 6 tons but the stringers are good for only a 3.4-ton truck, and the floor beams for only a 5-1-ton truck. Additional stringers could be added and some reinforcing of the floor beams made to increase the capacity to 6 tons. Some stones on the northwest corner of the abutment should be reset.

Neponset Road Bridge

This structure, built in 1899, is a pony truss having a span of 60' and a roadway width of 11'9". It is on a dirt access road to some farm property, is in poor condition and unsafe for travel. It is now posted for 3 tons. This bridge should be closed and traffic detoured.

Cow Brook Bridge

This structure, a short span makeshift type, is only good for a 2.5-ton loading and should be replaced. Mr. Godin, Superintendent of Streets, requests replacement with a concrete slab. A sketch of the proposed slab is enclosed.

Of the first three bridges inspected, the Pine Bridge is the only one that I would recommend for strengthening above its present posted loading, and then to only 10 tons, which is considerably below present modern highway loadings.

The town should be informed that these bridges are all sub-standard, both in load carrying capacities and widths, and that their age and condition are such that the town should embark on a replacement program in the near future.

If any further advice or any definite plans for these structures are requested by the town, I will be glad to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

H. G. GRAY,

Chief Engineer.

by

/s/ J. C. Rundlett

(C-R. W. Coburn)

J. C. Rundlett,

Bridge Engineer.

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Hatfield should be proud of its shade trees and credit is due to Highway Supt. and Tree Warden Francis Godin for keeping the trees well trimmed and sprayed.

This year we did not hold any special town meetings.

We take this opportunity to thank all town officials and citizens for their advice and assistance in the conduct of town affairs during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CERNAK, Chm.

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR.,

Selectmen.

List of Jurors

1.	Peter P. Backiel	Machinist
2.	William J. Betsold	Farmer
3.	Michael J. Filipek	Foreman
4.	Stanley J. Filipek	Machinist
5.	Frank Jablonski	Farmer
6.	Henry M. Kugler	Farmer
7.	Frank Malinoski, Jr.	Farmer
8.	Francis McGrath	Salesman
9.	Thomas L. Mullany	Farmer
10.	John W. Mullins, Sr.	Farmer
11.	Thomas J. O'Dea	Farmer
12.	Michael Omasta	Farmer
13.	John Osley, Jr.	Contractor
14.	William Parmeter	Garage Owner
15.	Joseph J. Pelc	Restaurateur
16.	Michael Raffa	Grain Dealer
17.	Alexander T Rogalewski	Farmer
18.	Edward Skarpetowski	Dry Cleaner
19.	Arthur Smith	Construction Worker
20.	Anna Stefancik	Housewife
21.	Agnes Wendlowski	Housewife
22.	Michael J. Yarrows	Farmer
23.	John Zack	Farmer
24.	Stanley Zagrodnik	Farmer
25.	Anna Zapka	Housewife

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1954

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	19	33	14
Female	21		17
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	40	33	31

Preceding Five Years

1953	43	17	23
1952	36	32	20
1951	58	29	29
1950	44	36	15
1949	49	33	24

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1954	149	369
1953	117	367
1952	171	407
1951	118	389
1950	166	379

License	Number	Amount
Junk	5	\$40.00
Auto Dealer	3	75.00
Cabin	4	2.00
Slaughter	1	1.00
Pin Ball	2	40.00
Common Victualler	13	13.00
Milk and Oleo	6	4.50
Sale of Firearms	2	2.00
Sunday Entertainment	3	15.50
Gasoline Registration	11	5.50
Beer Permit	14	35.00
Lord's Day	14	14.00
Liquor	17	6,300.00

ELECTIONS

Registered Voters January 1, 1954	1238
Voted at Annual Election February 15, 1954	737
Voted at State Primaries Sept. 14, 1954, 25D 10R	35
Voted at State Election November 2, 1954	754
Registered Voters December 31, 1954	1238

PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In account with the Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	\$115,329.16
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Receipts for 1954:

January	\$ 6,986.93	
February	28,047.91	
March	12,067.91	
April	20,989.97	
May	9,704.48	
June	23,973.43	
July	32,798.99	
August	21,101.73	
September	20,708.67	
October	48,524.20	
November	47,447.43	
December	54,061.94	
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		\$441,742.75
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Payments per warrants:

January	\$10,366.95
February	16,809.13
March	28,784.72

April	23,080.34
May	22,384.50
June	22,122.18
July	40,123.93
August	25,594.36
September	24,251.58
October	37,147.74
November	28,868.94
December	61,219.00
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	340,753.37
Cash on Hand December 31, 1954	100,989.38
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	\$441,742.75
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PETER S. ROGALESKI,
Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

Fund	1954 Income	1954 Withdrawal	1954 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$13.38	\$5.88	\$217.55
J. D. Brown	2.77	2.77	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	2.80	2.80	101.00
Charles H. Waite	3.80	3.80	137.49
Charles M. Billings	4.16	4.16	150.00
James Porter	3.02	3.02	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	3.05	3.05	110.82
Charles S. Shattuck	3.05	3.05	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	3.00	3.00	109.45
Reuben Belden	2.77	2.77	100.00
Theo Porter	2.92	2.92	106.18
Charles L. Graves	2.92	2.92	106.22
Augusta Beals	5.73	5.73	207.29
B. M. Warner	5.73	5.73	207.42
Henry Batcheller	2.78	2.78	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	2.79	2.79	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	5.54	5.54	200.67

David Wells	2.77	2.77	100.00
Otis Wells	4.15	4.15	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	2.77	2.77	100.00
Harriet S. Marsh	5.66	5.66	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	2.77	2.77	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	2.77	2.77	100.00
Roswell Billings	4.15	4.15	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	4.15	4.15	150.00
E. S. Warner	2.02	2.02	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.66	1.66	55.24
Caleb & Edgar Dickinson (new acct.)	2.50	2.50	200.00
E. G. Billings	15.60	15.60	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.58	2.58	102.92
Lucius & Stearnes Curtis	6.39	6.39	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.58	2.58	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	10.76	10.76	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	7.03	7.03	279.57
Levi Graves	3.99	3.99	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.61	2.61	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.57	2.57	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.59	2.59	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.51	2.51	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	5.06	5.06	201.91
Samuel Field	3.78	3.78	150.53
Samuel Field	3.77	3.77	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.69	2.69	107.18
Daniel Allis	3.83	3.83	152.22
P. M. Wells	3.25	3.25	129.86
Benjamin Waite	2.28	2.28	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.58	2.58	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	3.25	3.25	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	2.74	2.74	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.59	2.59	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.57	2.57	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	2.79	2.79	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	2.87	2.87	114.30
Luman M. Moore	5.04	5.04	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	8.07	8.07	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	10.09	10.09	401.90
Luther Wells	8.55	8.55	340.48

Oliver Warner	1.31	1.31	52.37
John H. Sanderson	2.64	2.64	105.44
Charles Smith	2.74	2.74	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.69	2.69	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	5.03	5.03	200.00
Henry R. Holden	5.03	5.03	200.00
Fannie Allis	5.03	5.03	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	3.77	3.77	150.00
N. T. Abels	5.03	5.03	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	3.77	3.77	150.00
Fred Schepp	1.88	1.88	75.00
Joseph Schepp	1.88	1.88	75.00
General Care Fund (Hill)	19.24	19.24	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	3.77	3.77	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	3.77	3.77	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	3.77	3.77	150.00
Charles Wight	2.51	2.51	100.00
General Care Fund (Main)	.26	.26	10.00
Stephen Omasta	3.77	3.77	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	5.03	5.03	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	3.77	3.77	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.51	2.51	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.51	2.51	100.00
Herman Harris	2.51	2.51	100.00
Harold J. Morse	3.77	3.77	150.00
John W. Darr	2.51	2.51	100.00
Adam Englehardt	6.29	6.29	250.00
Connie Liebl	4.40	4.40	175.00
George Marsh	5.03	5.03	200.00
R. M. Woods	3.76	3.76	200.00
Arthur Hodder (new acct.)	200.00
John Osley, Sr. & George Fusek (new acct.)	100.00
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	\$365.82	\$4,358.32	\$14,844.63
Hannah W. Smith (Custody State Treas.)			300.00
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			\$15,144.63
Hatfield Library Fund	\$786.99
Firemen's Relief Fund	\$2.02	\$75.74
Rehabilitation Fund		\$1,880.76

PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$909,400.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,272,145.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,181,545.00
Value of Personal Estate	340,050.00
Value of Personal Property and Real Estate	3,521,595.00
Tax Rate per Thousand	41.00
Number of Polls Assessed	736
Number of Horses Assessed	104
Number of Cattle Assessed	374
Number of Fowl Assessed	5,000
Number of Dwellings Assessed	564
Number of Acres land Assessed	9,063
Town Appropriations	273,383.00
State Audit	568.20
State Parks and Reservations	527.89
County Tax	18,642.26
Overlay	8,187.70

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$24,188.30
Corporation Tax	12,336.16
Excise Tax	13,000.00
Licenses	3,500.00
Schools	3,000.00
Charities	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	4 775.00

Interest on Taxes	300.00
Availablt Funds	156,323.18
Health and Sanitation	200.00

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM
TAXATION

UNDER CHAPTER 59 CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	\$105,450.00
Town Property	483,700.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
American Legion	4,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

MITCHELL KEMPISTY

JOHN W. MULLINS, JR.

LEWIS WENDOLOWSKI

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	24	\$1,961.47
February	24	1,913.38
March	23	1,816.42
April	22	1,803.47
May	22	1,857.14
June	22	1,875.83
July	22	2,238.07
August	23	2,274.69
September	22	2,216.59
October	21	1,940.24
November	19	1,562.82
December	20	1,483.65

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	4	\$214.90
February	4	300.90
March	4	229.90
April	4	214.90
May	5	409.45
June	5	334.70
July	5	347.75
August	6	694.10
September	6	350.60
October	5	300.00
November	5	329.80
December	5	212.22

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	4	\$358.13
February	4	358.13
March	4	336.83
April	4	358.13
May	4	366.53
June	4	401.47
July	4	338.10
August	4	372.01
September	4	396.52
October	4	397.01
November	4	393.27
December	4	377.26

GENERAL RELIEF

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	3	\$113.70
February	3	113.70
March	3	113.70
April	4	153.70
May	7	405.85
June	8	371.20
July	7	358.20
August	5	263.20
September	4	133.70
October	5	533.70
November	3	93.70
December	3	93.70

EXPENDITURES**PUBLIC WELFARE**

Salary of Agent	\$103.20
Print, Postage, and Stationery	26.77
Repair Equipment	12.00

Board and Care	784.86	
Cash Aid to Individuals	2,342.05	
Hospital, Medicine, etc.	460.00	
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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	\$2,874.51	
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	1,611.51	
Agent's Salary—Town	68.40	
Agent's Salary—Federal	68.40	
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	\$2,170.80	
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	1,798.32	
Agent's Salary—Town	62.70	
Agent's Salary—Federal	74.10	
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	\$14,006.88	
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	8,956.89	
Other Cities and Towns—Town	387.13	
Other Cities and Towns—Federal	176.33	
Agent's Salary—Town	421.59	
Agent's Salary—Federal	401.61	
	<hr/>	\$24,350.43

LUCILLE H. GODEK,

Welfare Agent.

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954, and the number of arrests made in the town of Hatfield:

Passing school bus	2
Speeding	8
Disturbing peace	1
Summons served	4
Dogs disposed of	8
All dog taxes collected	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SLIWOSKI,

Chief of Police.

L. CLIFFE H. GODEK.

Walter Agate

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

At this time we wish to take the opportunity to thank the people of Hatfield for their cooperation and interest in our operations during 1954.

Earlier in the year the Water Board requested the townspeople refrain from the use of hydrants for the obtaining of water for farming purposes. This was a very important request. We need our hydrants for fire protection. Many of our hydrants are in poor condition giving us reason to include in our 1955 budget funds to repair these faulty hydrants.

Among projects completed during the past year was the raising and the re-inforcement of our reservoir dam. This project we believe to be a definite asset to the town. The height of the dam has been increased 13 inches, thereby greatly increasing our town's water supply. Also the re-enforcement of the dam with its newly constructed apron has checked previous waste of water by leakage.

The water service line on West Street was extended 600 feet from Howard Johnson's Restaurant in a southerly direction to complete this project. The water main across West Brook in North Hatfield was renewed.

Before the widening and black-topping of a portion of Chestnut Street was begun, our department found that there were nine house services to be renewed. These were taken care of at that time.

Upon the advise of the State Engineer, the laying of 500 feet of 8-inch water main on Elm Street from Dwight Street to the residence of Joseph Pelc was postponed due to the fact that the sewer to be laid in that vicinity is to be laid close by the water line. It was the engineer's advise that if our water line was laid first there would be great possibility of damage resulting to the water line since the installation of the sewer line is to be considerable deeper than the water line. The pipe for this project was purchased and has been stored until such time as it may be laid without fear of damage. The renewing of house services in this vicinity has been started with the remainder of the services to be renewed as the project progresses.

During the past years there has been a definite increase in the amount of new homes being built in our community. Therefore the installation of new water services has also been increased. On the 19th of July the Town Treasurer was notified of our decision to increase entrance fees for new water services to \$75. This increase was made necessary due to increased costs of material and labor.

Several years ago 14 acres of land were purchased by the Town to add to our watershed area. Efforts have been made to obtain red pine seedlings from the State Forestry for transplanting on this land. Supply of these seedlings in the past has been limited. As soon as these seedlings are available the Board will purchase them and commence work on this section of our watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL A. YANGINSKI,
RUPERT HARUBIN,
ARTHUR E. SMITH.

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Books can be a great joy in themselves, but they are also wonderful items to share. Family life offers opportunities for many shared pleasures, and not the least of these can be books. Most parents start out by reading to their children, but I am afraid not all parents enjoy the experience. Your own enjoyment or lack of it is readily apparent to the child listener, and unconsciously his whole attitude toward books may be shaped at this time. Books and reading fill a need in a child's life that nothing else can fill.

Four hundred and fifty-nine new books and forty-nine periodicals have been catalogued and put into circulation. Of these books one hundred and seventy-eight were for children and two hundred and eighty-one for adults. The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was as follows:

Juvenile Fiction	7,869
Juvenile Non-Fiction	4 058
Adult Fiction	7,289
Adult Non-Fiction	3,535
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Total	22,751

Film statistics for Hatfield for films borrowed from the State Regional Library Center at 4 Fish Avenue, Greenfield, Mass., was: Four organizations borrowed

twenty films shown to an attendance of 763. These films may be borrowed free of charge by any organized group in the area by calling the Center at 8463 or by coming in to reserve them in person.

We are very grateful to the teachers who borrow books from the library for their classrooms. We extend this privilege to all teachers.

If anyone is seeking reference books, biographies or any non-fiction books not found on our shelves, I will gladly borrow them on request.

The library is open Monday and Friday from 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M., Wednesday 11:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the trustees, teachers and my assistants for their co-operation.

THERESA M. GODIN,

Librarian

7,889
1,058
7,289
8,557

Juvenile Fiction
Juvenile Non-Fiction
Adult Fiction
Adult Non-Fiction

22,791

Total

From 1961-1962 the following films were borrowed from the State Regional Library Center at 4 Fish Avenue, Westfield, Mass.: Four organizations borrowed

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past year six Elms were taken down and burned—Dutch Elm disease.

Also six Japanese Elms had to be taken down, due to hurricane and wind damage.

Three Maples classed as unsafe were taken down; one on Valley Street, one on Elm Street, and one on Mountain Road.

There were fifty-seven young Maples planted and fertilized last spring in all sections of town, which seem to be doing very well.

All shade trees were sprayed twice with D.D.T.

Our woodlands were completely sprayed by plane and show great improvement.

Due to hurricane and strong winds, considerable time was spent cleaning up limbs and debris, resulting in quite a bit of trimming throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS GODIN.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the months of November and December as Inspector of Animals I visited all farms where livestock were kept and found all to be in good condition.

My report for 1954 is as follows:

Milk cows and 2 yr. heifers	267
Heifers 1-2 years old	110
Heifer calf under 1 yr.	122
Bulls	16
Steers	65
Sheep	400
Swine	88
Horses	81
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Total	1149

SLAUGHTER

As Inspector of Slaughter I submit the following report for 1954:

Hogs	49
Cattle	8
Calves	8
Sheep	21
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Total	86

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN,

Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering.

TAX RATES IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Amherst	\$41.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$47.00	\$52.00
Belchertown	52.00	52.00	55.00	62.00	64.00
Chesterfield	56.00	56.00	56.00	58.00	53.00
Cummington	62.00	56.00	62.00	58.00	56.00
Easthampton	33.50	34.50	37.50	37.00	38.00
Goshen	46.00	53.00	51.00	52.00	50.00
Granby	32.00	42.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Hadley	36.00	42.00	42.00	46.00	52.00
HATFIELD	31.00	33.00	37.00	36.00	41.00
Huntington	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.00	43.00
Middlefield	66.00	59.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Northampton	43.20	44.00	46.00	46.00	49.00
Pelham	33.00	39.00	39.00	43.00	41.00
Plainfield	60.00	68.00	60.00	62.00	64.00
South Hadley	33.00	33.00	34.00	34.00	35.00
Southampton	50.00	53.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Ware	53.00	54.00	60.00	62.00	62.00
Westhampton	56.00	55.00	59.00	40.00	37.00
Williamsburg	46.00	47.00	56.00	54.00	69.00
Worthington	46.00	48.00	49.00	49.00	50.00

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1954	\$942.00	
Personal 1954	11,015.47	
Real 1954	98,073.44	
Poll Previous Years	114.00	
Personal Previous Years	2,086.04	
Real Previous Years	22,574.51	
In Lieu of Taxes 1954	79.13	
In Lieu of Taxes 1953	69.48	
		<hr/> 134,954.07

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1954	17,489.98	
Previous Years	6,036.59	
		<hr/> 23,526.57

Commonwealth of Mass.:

Income Tax	24,527.12	
Corporation Tax	11,399.12	
Meal Tax (O. A. A.)	596.07	
		<hr/> 36,522.31

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	6,335.00	
Milk	4.50	
Junk	56.00	
All Other	184.83	
		<hr/> 6,580.33

Court Fines

80.00

Grants from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	8,330.30
Aid to Dependent Children	2,279.40
Disability Assistance	1,539.02

RECEIPTS

Commodity Distribution Fund, Sch. Lunch	4,597.79	
George Barden & Smith Hughes	634.34	
		<hr/> 17,380.85
Grants from State:		
Vocational Education	3,096.48	
Transportation	4,428.00	
Highway Chapter 81	14,980.33	
		<hr/> 22,504.81
Hampshire County Dog Licenses		196.96
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Total General Revenue		\$241,745.90

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall	\$64.00
Outlays	52.50
Fire Department	90.00
Sealer Weights and Measures	156.20

Health and Sanitation:

Dental Clinic	360.00	
Tuberculosis	326.43	
Slaughter Fees	42.00	
Sewer Conn.	165.00	
		<hr/> 893.43

Highways:

Chapter 90 Maintenance State	1,799.16	
Chapter 90 Maintenance County	499.30	
Highway Machinery Fund	2,643.60	
Chapter 90 Construction State	11,999.71	
Chapter 90 Construction County	7,299.71	
Fence Damage	120.95	
		<hr/> 24,362.43

Public Welfare:

Welfare State	246.05	
Disability Assistance State	1,550.32	
Disability Assistance Individuals	1,763.15	
A. D. C.—State	1,383.28	
O. A. A.—State	8,980.13	
O. A. A.—Cities and Towns	215.42	
O. A. A.—Individuals	5,337.67	
		<hr/> 19,476.02

RECEIPTS

Veterans' Services:	
State	537.13
Individual	437.50
	<hr/> 974.63
Schools:	
Athletic Fund	1,572.18
Sale of Books and Supplies	2.15
	<hr/> 1,574.33
School Lunch—Sales of Lunches	7,621.96
Library Fines	101.70
Dividend	1.33
Sale of Real Estate	250.00
Water Department:	
Water Rents	10,886.45
Rent of Land	262.50
New Services	600.00
Damage to Standpipe	29.50
	<hr/> 11,778.45
Care of Cemetery Lots	343.00
General Interest:	
Interest on Taxes	355.37
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	30.95
	<hr/> 386.32
Interest on Trust Funds	365.82
	<hr/> 365.82
Total Commercial Revenue	\$68,492.12
Agency, Trust and Investments:	
Dog Tax Due County	375.20
New Funds—Cemetery Perpetual Care	500.00
Withholding	9,330.70
Retirement	1,688.32
Blue Cross	1,458.45
Library and Rehabilitation Fund	2,667.75
	<hr/> 16,020.42
Refunds:	
Fire	20.05
Old Age Assistance	126.95

RECEIPTS

Schools	1.32
School Lunches	1.27
Motor Vehicle Excise	5.56
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	155.15
Total All Receipts	\$326,413.59
Cash on Hand January 1, 1954	115,329.16
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Total	\$441,742.75
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PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	\$25.00
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will	10.00

Selectmen:

Salary	900.00
Clerk	200.00
Expenses:	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	7.11
Travel	23.00
All Other	33.63
Dues	30.00
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	93.74

Town Accountant:

Salary	1,475.00
Expenses:	
Printing, Postage, etc.	44.37
Equipment	61.95
All Other	10.50
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	116.82

Treasurer:

Salary	1,875.00
Expenses:	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	52.88
Surety Bond	96.50
Travel	80.80
All Other	233.20
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	463.38

PAYMENTS

Collector of Taxes:

Salary		1,400.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	172.34	
Surety Bond	202.25	
Clerical	101.00	
Travel	73.82	

 549.41

Assessors:

Salary		1,650.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	122.23	
Clerical	48.00	
All Other	169.37	

 339.60

Town Clerk:

Salary		1,775.00
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Expenses:

Recording Fees	62.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	71.44	
Surety Bond	7.50	
All Other	206.50	

 347.44

Town Counsel

200.00

Election and Registration:

Registrars	125.50	
Election Officers	230.00	
Clerical	180.00	
Printing	48.77	

 634.27

Total General Government

 \$12,054.66

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,608.44	
Exterminator	72.00	
Fuel	1,531.16	
Light	694.13	
Janitor's Supplies	349.34	
Repairs	124.97	
Equipment	56.27	

 5,436.31

PAYMENTS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$900.00	
Men	270.80	
School Traffic	88.50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	18.60	
All Other	22.00	
	<hr/>	1,299.90

Fire Department:

Chief	250.00	
Clerk	100.00	
Men	788.00	
Care of Truck	120.00	
Resuscitator	603.00	
Gas and Oil	23.30	
Oxygen	7.40	
Truck Repairs	210.24	
Boots, Coats, etc.	149.34	
Fuel	83.80	
Light	55.36	
Rent	240.00	
Telephone	180.19	
All Other	148.09	
	<hr/>	2,958.72

Purchase New Fire Truck	16,673.75
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Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	200.00	
Expenses:		
Miscellaneous Supplies	18.06	
Travel	62.40	
	<hr/>	80.46

Moth Work:

Labor	51.00	
Spraying	432.50	
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Tree Work:

Labor	1,395.60	
Equipment	95.27	
All Other	104.85	
	<hr/>	1,595.72

Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$23,292.05
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PAYMENTS

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board and Treatment Tuberculosis	\$22.50	
Clerical	140.00	
		<hr/> 162.50
Inspection Children—Tuberculosis		62.50
Visiting Nurse Association		1,365.00
Dental Clinic		370.00
Well Child Clinic		120.00
Inspection Animals and Slaughter		407.49
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$2,487.49

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$2,932.30	
Trucks	102.00	
Stone, Gravel, etc.	27.30	
Equipment and Repairs	285.08	
Telephone	136.72	
Fuel	104.76	
All Other	484.83	
		<hr/> 4,072.99
Snow and Ice:		
Labor	1,837.90	
Sand	136.51	
Sidewalks	150.75	
		<hr/> 2,125.16
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Total Highway General		\$6,198.15
Bridges:		
Labor	5.25	
Lumber	37.72	
		<hr/> 42.97
Elm Street Sewer		6,801.79
Street Lights		4,033.00
Used Loader		2,000.00
Dike Repairs		131.20
Fence Repairs		183.34
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Total Highways		\$19,390.45

PAYMENTS

Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance

Labor	1,401.00
Town Machinery	332.00
Other Machinery	400.00
Asphalt	1,766.57
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	3,899.57

Highway Chapter 90 New Construction:

Mountain Road	1,490.21
Elm Street	4,916.68
Elm Street	18,573.11
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	24,980.00

Chapter 81:

Labor	8,746.55
Town Machinery	2,230.00
Other Machinery	3,239.85
Colprovia	4,193.70
Tar and Asphalt	2,248.73
Sand, Stone, etc.	1,075.98
Cement	22.35
Pipe and Culverts	169.21
All Other	110.50
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	22,036.07

Machinery Operating:

Parts and Repairs	1,289.55
Gas	1,005.08
Oil and Grease	86.75
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	2,381.38

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salary, Agent	\$103.20
Printing, Postage, Stationery	26.77
Repairs Equipment	12.00
Board and Care	784.86
Cash Aid to Individuals	2,342.05
Hospital, Medicine, etc.	460.00
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	3,728.88

Disability Assistance:

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	2,874.51
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	1,611.51
Agent's Salary—Town	68.40
Agent's Salary—Federal	68.40
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	4,622.82

PAYMENTS**Aid to Dependent Children:**

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	2,170.80	
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	1,798.32	
Agent's Salary—Federal	74.10	
Agent's Salary—Town	62.70	
	<hr/>	4,105.92

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid to Individuals—Town	14,006.88	
Cash Aid to Individuals—Federal	8,956.89	
Other Cities and Towns—Town	387.13	
Other Cities and Towns—Federal	176.33	
Agent's Salary—Town	421.59	
Agent's Salary—Federal	401.61	
	<hr/>	24,350.43

Total Welfare		\$36,808.05
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Veterans' Benefits:

Agent's Salary	\$250.00	
Stationery, Postage, Photostats, etc.	31.90	
Veterans' Aid	1,183.65	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	318.72	
All Other	2.00	
Total Veterans' Benefits	<hr/>	\$1,786.27

SCHOOLS**General Administration:**

Superintendent's Salary	\$1,366.56	
Clerk	168.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	167.26	
Telephone	244.49	
Travel	44.05	
All Other	30.43	
	<hr/>	2,020.79

Teachers' Salaries:

High	27,775.43	
Elementary	32,645.63	
Music	1,274.88	
Drawing	400.00	
Penmanship	450.00	
	<hr/>	62,545.94

PAYMENTS

Text and Reference Books:

High	198.55	
Elementary	928.28	
	<hr/>	1,126.83

Supplies:

High	1,642.63	
Elementary	1,583.80	
Physical Education	300.75	
	<hr/>	3,527.18

Transportation:

High	3,186.00	
Elementary	3,186.00	
All Other	10.00	
	<hr/>	6,382.00

Janitors:

High	2,599.92	
Elementary	2,805.89	
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Fuel and Light:

High	1,317.95	
Elementary	1,712.21	
Agriculture	45.00	
	<hr/>	3,075.16

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Janitor's Supplies—High	266.86	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	288.82	
Elementary Repairs	2,968.74	
	<hr/>	3,524.42

Diplomas and Graduation

Insurance	104.21	
Nurse	441.59	
Health Supplies	1,400.00	
Miscellaneous Equipment	31.97	
Education of Handicapped Children	2,093.40	
	237.35	
	<hr/>	4,308.52

Total Schools from Town Appropriation

 91,916.65

PAYMENTS

School Committee Expense	68.58
George Barden—Federal	1,101.97
Athletic Field Maintenance	23.36
Athletic Fund	1,356.39
School Physician	300.00
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation:	
Tuition	1,455.66
Transportation	574.35
Total Vocational School Tuition and Trans.	2,030.01

SCHOOL LUNCH

From Collections:	
Wages	\$4,022.00
Food	4,648.17
Fuel	102.05
Miscellaneous Supplies	84.92
Miscellaneous Equipment	238.06
Phone	23.60
Repairs	34.57
All Other	16.19
	9,169.56
From Commodity Distribution Fund:	
Food	2,720.47
Wages	1 1,263.20
Fuel	109.90
Miscellaneous Supplies	130.53
Miscellaneous Repairs	62.10
Equipment	118.64
All Other	39.89
	4,444.73
Total School Lunch	\$13,614.29

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$1,300.00
Assistants	526.70
Janitor	133.15
Books	862.83
Periodicals	76.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	13.15

PAYMENTS

Binding Book	4.50	
Fuel	223.06	
Light	23.11	
Stationery, Postage, etc.	18.99	
All Other	13.00	
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		3,194.49
New Room at Library		8.40
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		\$3,202.89

UNCLASSIFIED

Telephone	\$213.85
Memorial Day	338.56
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Print and Deliver Town Reports	604.55
Outlays	42.50
Land Purchase—Elm Street	2,800.00
Unpaid Bills	90.91
Unclassified	10.00
Binding Records	38.25
Retirement Assessment	1,774.33
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	\$5,962.95

INSURANCE

Monies and Securities	\$73.00
Liability and Property Damage	684.95
Volunteer Firemen	128.75
Public Liability	182.97
Workmen's Compensation	1,730.42
Boilers	362.00
Chlorinator Building	163.80
Collision Fire Truck	104.63
Town Schedule	844.48
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	\$4,275.00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries	\$600.00
Collector's Salary	\$544.33
Collector's Bond	10.00
Clerical	123.00

PAYMENTS

Printing, Postage and Stationery	47.20	
Miscellaneous	106.61	
Labor	4,043.15	
Shovel and Tractor	855.75	
Pipe and Fittings	1,618.74	
Equipment	44.90	
Chlorine	110.25	
Care of Chlorinator	270.00	
Fuel	66.50	
Waterproofing Cement at Reservoir	233.60	
All Other	316.74	
	<hr/>	8,390.97

Renewal of Services—Elm Street:

Labor	342.00	
Pipe and Fittings	1,454.40	
All Other	157.00	
	<hr/>	1,953.40

Extend Water Main to Dairy Queen:

Labor	172.60	
Trucks and Tractors	78.25	
Pipe and Fittings	650.90	
Shovel	90.75	
All Other	7.50	
	<hr/>	1,000.00

Total Water Department	\$11,344.37
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CEMETERIES

Clerical	\$50.00	
Labor	834.00	
Repairs to Equipment, etc.	89.57	
Gas	9.02	
	<hr/>	982.59

INTEREST

Interest on Water Loans	1,607.50
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PAYMENTS

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Loan Notes	14,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:

State Parks	\$525.82	
State Audit	568.20	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	509.89	
County	17,303.85	
Dog Licenses for County	373.40	
	<hr/>	19,281.16
Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Funds		500.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Interest		7.50
Retirement		1,688.32
Withholding		9,330.70
Blue Cross		1,454.15
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		\$32,261.83

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$815.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise	736.31	
	<hr/>	1,551.89
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Total Payments		\$340,753.37
Balance January 1, 1955		100,989.38
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Total		\$441,742.75
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TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$100,989.38	Dog Tax Due County	\$1.80
		Blue Cross & Shield	4.30
		Road Machinery Earnings Fund	4,712.16
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:		Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1951	165.00	Disability Assist.	\$591.27
Levy of 1952	2,159.46	Disability Assist. Adm.	2.32
Levy of 1953	5,004.46	A. D. C.	400.46
Levy of 1954	34,090.23	A. D. C. Adm.	6.91
	<hr/>	Schools, Geo. Barden	800.98
	41,419.15	School Lunch, C. D. F.	383.06
Motor Vehicle Excise:			<hr/>
Levy of 1952	235.47	School Athletic Fund	1,419.29
Levy of 1953	1,065.26	School Lunch Collection	4,644.26
Levy of 1954	4,827.79		<hr/>
	<hr/>		2,185.00
	6,128.52		<hr/>
			6,063.55

Departmental:		Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
Aid to Dependent Children	574.14	Bridge Repairs	317.58
Care of Cemetery Lots	305.00	Dike Repairs	68.80
Slaughter Insp. Fees	46.00	Elm St. Sewer and Septic Tanks	898.21
Old Age Assistance	153.63	New Room at Library	1,922.57
Veterans' Services	121.97	Civil Defense	875.95
		Land Purch. Adjoining Sunset Ave.	300.00
		Improve Watershed	895.88
Water Department:		Purchase Land Within Watershed	2,800.00
Water Rents	3,074.99	Land Purchase—No. Hatfield Cemetery	300.00
Water Conn. & Misc.	35.00		
			8,378.99
Aid to Highways:		Water Available Surplus	11,816.65
State	5,529.37	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	3,992.73
County	1,977.39		
		Overlays Reserved for Abatement:	
Highways Chap. 90 N. C.	7,506.76	Overlay 1951	165.00
	505.25	Overlay 1952	2,159.46
Total Assets	\$160,859.79		

Overlay 1953	5,004.46
Overlay 1954	5,494.45
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	12,823.37

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Departmental	1,200.74
Motor Vehicle	6,128.52
Water	3,109.99
State and County Aid to Highways	7,506.76
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	17,946.01

Overestimates:

State Parks Tax	2.07
County Tax	1,338.41
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	143.78
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Old Age Recovery	1,484.26
Sale of Real Estate	100.00
Surplus revenue	250.00
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	91,100.97
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Total Assets	\$160,859.79

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$77,000.00	Water Main Loan, Chestnut & Prospect	\$25,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Plain Road	52,000.00
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	\$77,000.00		\$77,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$15,220.37	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$14,369.34
		Firemen's Relief Fund	75.74
		General Care Fund—Main St. Cemetery	10.00
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
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	\$15,220.37		\$15,220.37

GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI,

Town Accountant.

Appropriation Table

	1954	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance to Revenue or Forward
	Approp.				
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salary	900.00		900.00	900.00	
Selectmen's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00		150.00	93.74	\$56.26
Accountant's Salary	1,475.00		1,475.00	1,475.00	
Accountant's Expense	125.00		125.00	116.82	8.18
Treasurer's Salary	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00	
Treasurer's Expense	475.00		475.00	463.38	11.62
Collector's Salary	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Collector's Expense	550.00		550.00	549.41	.59
Assessor's Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Assessor's Expense	400.00		400.00	339.60	60.40
Attorney's Fees	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00		350.00	347.44	2.50
Election and Registration	650.00		650.00	634.27	15.73
Elector's Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,436.31	563.69

Police	1,200.00	\$100.00	1,300.00	1,299.90	.10
Fire Department	2,500.00	438.67	2,938.67	2,938.67	
Purchase New Fire Truck	17,000.00		17,000.00	16,673.75	326.25
Tree Work	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,595.72	4.28
Moth Work	1,307.00		1,307.00	483.50	823.50
Sealer Weights & Measures Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures Expense	100.00		100.00	80.46	19.54
Public Health	1,000.00		1,000.00	162.50	837.50
School Physician	300.00		300.00	300.00	
Insp. Animals & Slaughter	550.00		550.00	407.49	142.51
Insp. Children—Pre-school	100.00		100.00		100.00
Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00	62.50	12.50
Dental Clinic	350.00	20.00	370.00	370.00	
Well Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	120.00	80.00
Visiting Nurse	1,365.00		1,365.00	1,365.00	
Highway General	6,250.00		6,250.00	6,198.15	51.85
Highway Chap. 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	22,036.87	213.13
Highway Chap. 90 Maintenance	3,900.00		3,900.00	3,899.57	.43
Highway Chap. 90 N. C.	25,774.61		25,774.61	24,980.00	794.61
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,381.38	618.62
Streets Lights	4,100.00		4,100.00	4,033.00	67.00
Bridge Repairs	360.55		360.55	42.97	317.58
Dike Repairs	200.00		200.00	131.20	68.80
Fences	200.00		200.00	183.34	16.66
Purchase Used Case Loader	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	

Elm St. Sewer & Septic Tank	7,000.00	7,700.00	6,801.79	898.21
Land Purchase—Elm St.	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Public Welfare	3,500.00	3,825.00	3,728.88	96.12
Disability Assistance	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,942.91	557.09
Disability Assist.—Federal	2,202.78	2,202.78	1,611.51	591.27
Disability Assist.—Fed. Adm.	70.72	70.72	68.40	2.32
Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,233.50	1,266.50
A. D. C.—Federal	2,198.78	2,198.78	1,798.32	400.46
A. D. C.—Federal Adm.	81.01	81.01	74.10	6.91
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	14,700.00	14,688.65	11.35
O. A. A.—Federal	9,133.22	9,133.22	9,133.22	
O. A. A.—Federal Adm.	401.61	401.61	401.61	
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,786.27	13.73
School Committee Expense	100.00	100.00	68.58	31.42
Schools	92,974.00	92,974.00	91,915.33	1,058.67
Schools—Geo. Barden	1,902.95	1,902.95	1,101.97	800.98
School Athletic Fund	1,203.50	2,775.68	1,356.39	1,419.29
Athletic Field Maintenance	300.00	300.00	23.36	276.64
School Lunch Collection	14,042.55	14,042.55	9,168.29	4,874.26
School Lunch C. D. F.	4,597.79	4,597.79	4,444.73	153.06
Vocational School Tuition & Trans.	2,000.00	2,050.00	2,030.01	19.99
Library	3,000.00	3,196.96	3,194.49	2.47
Build New Room at Library	1,930.97	1,930.97	8.40	1,922.57
Bind Town Records	50.00	50.00	38.25	11.75
Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	

Civil Defense	875.95			875.95		
Insurance	4,000.00	275.00		4,275.00	4,275.00	
Land Purchase Adj.—Sunset Ave.	300.00			300.00		300.00
Memorial Day	300.00	38.56		338.56	338.56	
Print & Deliver Town Reports	550.00	54.55		604.55	604.55	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00			6,000.00	5,855.43	144.57
Retirement	1,774.33			1,774.33	1,774.33	
Telephone	250.00			250.00	213.85	36.15
Unclassified	100.00			100.00	10.00	90.00
Unpaid Bills	90.91			90.91		
Water Comm. Salaries	600.00			600.00		
Water Department	7,500.00	890.97		8,390.97	8,390.97	
Renew Service on Elm St.	2,000.00			2,000.00	1,953.40	46.60
Extend Water Main on West St.	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Improve Watershed	895.88			895.88		895.88
Purchase Land Within Watershed	2,800.00			2,800.00		2,800.00
Cemeteries	800.00	358.32		1,158.32	982.59	175.73
Land Purchase—No. Hatfield Cemetery	300.00			300.00		300.00
Interest on Water Main Loan	1,607.50			1,607.50	1,607.50	
Water Main Loan	14,000.00			14,000.00	14,000.00	
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	\$329,876.61	\$8,020.21		\$337,896.82	\$312,602.99	\$25,293.83

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John Osley, Jr, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Zygmunt Jaworski	Term expires 1956
Edward S. Kowalski, Secretary	Term expires 1957

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the second Monday of each month
at the High School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN C. JAKOBEK

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SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R. N.
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WORK CERTIFICATES

Raymond Jenness
School Street

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Your school committee submits to the citizens of Hatfield the following report of its activities during the year 1954. The committee held twelve regular monthly meetings and one special meeting.

The committee acknowledges at this time the growing interest and concern of the people of this community for the educational welfare of their children. Your children, the most prized possession that you have, deserve the educational opportunities which you make possible for them.

Your schools strive to provide the type of education that children need and deserve. Your schools are conducted for the benefit of all the children, according to the conditions, materials, equipment and other influencing factors present within the community. By providing for the best possible educational program commensurate with the conditions available to them, the schools are developing future citizens to take an effective part in the welfare of this community and the nation.

Several aspects of the conduct of your schools dealt with in detail in the 1953 report will not be repeated here. For the detailed presentation of the duties of a superintendent of schools and a complete statement regarding the transportation situation, we refer you to the 1953 report of the school committee.

Entrance Age

The entrance age for children to be enrolled in the first grade in September, 1955, is five years and eight months, as of September first. This means that children wishing to enter grade one must have been born before January 1, 1950. The Town of Hatfield will, under this policy, follow the usual pattern in this State for entrance into grade one. This policy recognizes the fact that when immature children enter school at too early an age, the possibility of unsatisfactory progress is increased.

Personnel

On March 15, 1954, Mrs. Constance Mullany, who had served for more than forty years in the Hatfield School System, passed away. The School Committee takes this opportunity to pay tribute to Mrs. Mullany, who had for so many years provided conscientious service to the youth of Hatfield. By her keen insight into the needs of her pupils, Mrs. Mullany was able to instill in her pupils those lasting qualities of manhood that helped children throughout their lives.

In June Mr. Russell Bastin, who had served for three years as a teacher and coach at Smith Academy, resigned to accept another position at Tarrytown, New York.

The position left open by Mr. Bastin was filled by Mr. John Skarzynski, a native of Hatfield, who was graduated from Holy Cross and did graduate work at the University of Massachusetts. At the time of his employment, Mr. Skarzynski was employed in Connecticut as an industrial chemist. Mr. Skarzynski's duties will be to teach all the mathematics in the high school, chemistry and physics, and to coach boys' basketball.

Mrs. Constance Willhite, a graduate of Mount Holyoke, was named to teach the fifth grade, starting in September, and Mrs. Jane Blauvelt was named to teach the second division of the third grade.

Starting in November, Mrs. Eleanor Stenglein was assigned to one of the two second grades. Mrs. Helen Kostek, who was teaching one of the second grades, was assigned to one division of the two first grades, which had until this time been a single class, but which had to be divided because the number of pupils became too great to effectively teach.

Personnel Salaries

Although your school committee has made almost annual provisions for increased salaries in the last five years, the situation has become more critical each year. When it is recognized that the most important single factor in the educational progress of a child is the teacher, it becomes imperative that salaries be so adjusted as to retain efficient teachers and secure desirable new teachers.

In reviewing the critical trained-teacher shortage, it is established on a state-wide and national basis that more and more teachers are needed each year. In spite of this growing need for trained teachers, fewer people, proportionately, are entering teaching, primarily for financial reasons. This situation, where there is a need for more teachers and at the same time fewer students going into teaching, creates a need for the serious re-examination of the whole policy of remuneration for teachers. No one would sacrifice the educational welfare of a child, as well as his future happiness, by providing other than the best type of instruction.

Reimbursements from the State for 1954

The following amounts of money were received from the Commonwealth to conduct the local schools:

From the General Fund; to equalize educational opportunities	\$17,148.12
From Chapter 71; reimbursement for the transportation of children to school	4,428.00
From the State Department of Vocational Education for the Agricultural Dept.	2,304.95
TOTAL	\$23,881.07

In addition, \$791.53 was returned to the town as reimbursement for the cost of transportation and tuition to vocational schools.

Equipment and Repairs

The eighth grade room at the Center School was painted.

A basement area in the Center School was completely redone into a classroom. It was necessary to level the floor and cover it with asphalt tile. A cloakroom was constructed, blackboards and tackboards were installed; the room was painted. In compliance with safety regulations, an external exit was built. Due to the location of this area in relation to the toilets, it was necessary to install a toilet and lavatory adjoining this basement room.

Four new steel filing cabinets were purchased for classroom use.

A high fidelity transcription machine was purchased for the music groups.

A band saw was purchased for the agricultural department.

Fifty-two movable chairs and desks were purchased to accommodate the additional pupils in the grades.

The following items were purchased for the commercial department in the high school: one electric typewriter, two typewriters, and three typing tables.

A power mowing machine was purchased for the custodial staff.

The agricultural department has remodelled a room adjoining the agricultural shop at the School Street School. This will permit shop and class work to be more closely correlated and the two activities can be carried on at the same time if necessary.

Smith Academy Alterations

The trustees of Smith Academy made another substantial educational improvement at the high school again this year. The trustees remodelled the former chemistry laboratory and removed the wall between this room and the agricultural room. Due to the increasing size of the science and chemistry classes, arrangements for the accommodation of these larger classes had to be made. Another eight-student laboratory table was installed and an instructor's table was placed at the front of the room. In addition, wall and floor cabinets for adequate storage, fluorescent lights and an exhaust fan make complete this up-to-date science room.

Knowledge of Your Schools

Your school committee is convinced that the people of Hatfield will support their schools if knowledge of the physical facilities available for educational purposes is known, and if the educational program in its entirety is understood, as well as the problems with which the schools are confronted. Your schools will prosper educa-

tionally only through the efforts of all the citizens who, having become interested in the maximal development of the youth of Hatfield, are willing to work together to make their schools the best possible.

Future School Housing Needs

At the request of the School Committee, a School Building Needs Survey Committee was voted at the 1954 Annual Town Meeting. The School Committee endorses the report of the Building Needs Committee and respectfully submits to the 1955 Annual Town Meeting the recommendations of the Building Needs Committee. We urge every citizen to study the growing classroom shortages and consider the educational implications of classroom and teacher shortages. Parents should be especially meticulous in their appraisal of school building needs and the efforts to properly educate their children, although numerous studies show that whole communities profit from the proper education of children.

The School Committee approves and hereby incorporates the report of the Superintendent of Schools as part of its report.

JOHN OSLEY, JR.,

ZYGMUNT JAWORSKI,

EDWARD KOWALSKI,

Members of the School Committee.

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Hatfield:

The report of the superintendent of schools for the year 1954 is presented to you for your careful consideration. This report deals with many things of interest to you as citizens and parents. Although many important items cannot be given a detailed account in this report, it is hoped that some of the conditions most important to you will be adequately treated. Found in this report will be a complete financial statement for the year 1954 and statements contributing to an understanding of the educational decisions of most importance to you.

CRITICISM OF EDUCATION

From time to time the question of criticisms of the operation of schools arises in conversations. Several national magazines have had articles dealing with the education of youth and school practices. Criticisms based upon evidence, and not skewed to misrepresent, have always been welcomed. By reference to previous annual reports, it will be readily observed that your suggestions and comments, favorable or otherwise, have not only been accepted but have actually been solicited.

It must be pointed out, however, that the fulminations of some writers on the national scene might do incalculable harm if people accord their writings the uncritical, exaggerated respect that people often give the printed word, or, when schools are used as scapegoats for mounting tensions.

A genuine service can be rendered by the citizens of this or any community by a critical analysis and discussion of school problems. The work of the National Citizens Commission for Public Schools is a typical example of such activity. The efforts of Parent-Teacher groups often serve the same purpose.

The confidence that the citizens have shown in leaving their schools to their elected representatives and their professional employees for the operation of the schools and the education of their children is gratifying. Still, each contribution that citizens can make to the betterment of their schools through thought and action is an obligation which every citizen shoulders. There is danger, locally and on a larger scale, regardless of the soundness of the educational program and its many aspects, that unless the citizens supporting these programs have an understanding of and a sympathy for such program misunderstandings and lack of support will ensue.

In examining the record that graduates of the local schools make a life, it is evident that almost every graduate is making a fine contribution to society. Many graduates continue their educational growth by attending colleges or technical schools. Without exception, these graduates are making a fine record. Other graduates have entered profitable employment and have remained in their jobs.

In analyzing the reasons for the increasing number of local people enrolling in advanced education, it is found that the consent and encouragement of the home play a vital part in the desire for continued education. These results coincide with repeated research studies into the psychological foundations of children's attitudes, which indicate that traits present in childhood become more deeply rooted with the passage of time. These findings indicate that schools should continue to cooperate with

the home to bring about further educational growth in people.

INSTRUCTION

The instruction and the instructional materials within the local schools are constantly being evaluated in light of changing conditions. It is recognized that the classroom teacher is the cornerstone of the whole educational process. The thinking and practices of the classroom teacher are related to the educational needs of each student. Each teacher is entrusted with a group of children in order to help them acquire the attitudes, habits, social skills, ideals, interests and appreciations that will assist them to adjust to the changing needs of children and society.

Your teachers are cognizant of the conditions within the community. Each teacher strives to improve the relationships of good will and understanding developed in the community. Each teacher is aware that, to a critical degree, the welfare of the child, as well as the welfare of the nation, depends upon the quality of her work.

READING

The Overall Aim of Reading

Any reading program must contribute to the development of the child by providing for his emotional and social growth as well as his intellectual growth. The general aim of any basic reading program is to provide the child with opportunities for meeting these aims. The immediate aim is to teach habits and skills in such a manner as to build favorable attitudes toward reading, sharing enjoyable experiences with others and building a willingness to work diligently on a task until that task is completed.

Since teachers recognize that reading is a necessary part of almost all school activities, they make provisions for an abundance of materials involving the ideas and vocabulary that the child will need in his study of all school subjects.

Reading Practices

Picture the teaching situation of any teacher two decades ago and you will find that as September came around a number of children entered a given grade. The teacher assumed that because twenty-five children entered her grade she could expect to pass out the reading book assigned for that grade and each child was expected to read and understand the material without too much difficulty.

To fully appreciate what constitutes a grade, let us determine what is meant by the term. Certainly it is not a group of pupils who are similar in intelligence, reading ability, and personality characteristics. The typical grade is composed of pupils in which the least mature pupil has a mental age five to seven years below that of the brightest pupil, and in which pupils with the same, or virtually the same ability, may differ as much as five to eight years in language and non-language ability. A typical fifth grade reading class may have pupils who read only as well as third-graders and some who can read as well as the average eighth-grader; in other words, the fifth grade requires a spread of four or five years in the difficulty of reading materials which are appropriate for them, in view of their **varying** reading competence in pursuing their educational activities.

A typical sixth-grade class in arithmetic will contain some pupils with fourth-grade achievement, and some who do as well as the average eighth-grader. A typical class on any level will have some pupils who are happy, secure, successful, and well-adjusted; some who are shy,

who are diffident, who lack self-reliance and sense of personal worth, and a feeling of belonging; and often one or more who show definite aggressive behavior, usually designated as anti-social tendencies, or who possess nervous symptoms which may be the outward evidences of conflicts, unsatisfied desires, and problems which they cannot solve.

The so-called grade is, therefore, a number of pupils who are designated as belonging to the same group, and who frequently sit in the same room, but whose abilities, achievements, problems, desires, and frustrations vary so widely that to treat them as if they were homogeneous, or nearly so, can only result in a continuance of the time-consuming and meaningless activity that too long passed for "teaching" in out-of-date schools.

Bond and Wagner in their book, *Teaching the Child to Read*, in the chapter entitled, "Appraisal of Reading Abilities," state: "It is only through a knowledge of each pupil's development in the fundamental areas of reading that a program, designed to teach the children to read, may be formulated. It is only through a program adjusted to the reading capabilities and needs of the children that reading growth can be optimal and reading disability minimal. To the extent that the reading program is adjusted to known strengths and limitations of children, growth in reading will be compatible with the potentialities of the children. It is extremely hazardous to allow gaps in the reading experience."

In developing a program of differentiated instructions on any "grade level," four factors should be considered: the professional competence of the teacher, levels of pupil achievement, pupil needs, and pupil aptitudes. All of these, of course, are related to such factors as goals of instruction, promotion policy, home reports, class size, type of supervision, type of community, and the like.

Considering the first point, that of competence of teachers, teachers in the Hatfield schools in recent years have had the expert advice of reading consultants of outstanding book firms. In addition to this, most of the teachers have taken courses in reading instruction which serve them in their daily work with the children. It is vital to the success of any educational program that teachers understand the goals for which they are striving; for any "half-way" measures cannot be acceptable where the children are concerned. In all earnestness it can be said that every effort is utilized by each teacher to offer to the child the very best guidance possible.

Several guiding forces are used to determine what the pupil has achieved in a year's work in the preceding grade. One of the commonest guides is the "Iowa Pupil Tests of Basic Skills," which are administered each spring. This method of measuring child achievement is represented in graphic form, easily read and interpreted. At a glance it is possible to determine just what level the pupil has reached at the conclusion of the preceding year's work. Such skills as reading comprehension, vocabulary, map reading, use of references, use of index, use of dictionary, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, sentence sense, arithmetic skills are clearly defined in graphic form.

No single test alone can give a full picture of the child's needs. Therefore, other tests are administered to find out just what the child is capable of learning. Informal teacher inventories and standardized tests are used to supplement the Iowa Tests. These tests serve as a check on pupil's ability at the beginning of the school term in September.

Other devices used to evaluate pupil abilities are tests of mental ability given to third, sixth and eighth graders. These tests make it possible to know if a child can cope with the work he is to pursue.

All these measures or tests are of great benefit to teachers in guiding pupils. However, it cannot be overlooked that the teacher herself is a central figure in determining what the child is, what he can do. By daily contacts in which it is possible for the teacher to talk with the student, hear his problems, and discuss his difficulties with him, it is possible to know the child better than any test. For it is the understanding of the child that promotes better relations between the child and teacher. By gaining the confidence of a child, it is possible to encourage and stimulate him to better achievement.

Grouping

Once the data is assimilated, the teacher can begin to place the child in a group with other children of similar backgrounds. She devotes her attention to one group at a time. Inasmuch as the groups generally do not consist of more than six students, it is possible to give individual attention to each child. Each child reads the kind of book which is not beyond his ability in vocabulary and, therefore, he enjoys reading for itself. Challenges are given him so that each day he may learn something new.

Questions sometimes arise as to the reaction of ability groups to each other. Let it be understood that when the purpose of grouping is explained to the class as a whole, there is no other reaction but a favorable one. The children understand the reasons that motivated grouping, and each child looks forward to progressing within his own group so that he may join a more advanced group as soon as possible.

Grouping is never used for disciplinary purposes; it is not used as a reward for effort, nor a means of punishment for irregularities of conduct. A child is

placed in his group solely for the purpose of making it possible for him to work comfortably and effectively with pupils who progress at his rate of speed.

Teachers avoid attaching a stigma to the slower group by avoiding group comparisons. A child who is in a less rapid group receives praise for having done the best he can; his work is compared to the best achievement possible for him.

Summary

In reviewing the school year which has just been completed, it can be said that what success your schools may have attained in providing the type of education which the townspeople desire is due to the interest shown in your schools. Schools reflect the community interest in education more than any other single contributing factor.

Again in 1954, as in previous years, the schools have been grateful for the fine cooperation and assistance that so many individuals and organizations within the town have given. Each individual, club, organization and group of individuals has made the schools a better place to be and the town a better place to live. The gratitude of the superintendent of schools is extended to all who have so generously and kindly made all this possible.

Finally, it is the desire of the superintendent of schools that your schools become a vital force in the growth of the community and that the community become a vital force in the development and maintenance of an adequate school program.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN C. JAKOBEK,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1954

Regular, day schools—

Appropriation for support	\$92,974.00
Total expenditures	91,915.33

Unexpended balance	\$1,058.67
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Cost of regular, day schools to Town—

Total expenditures	\$91,915.33
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Credits:

Chapter 70	\$17,148.12
Chapter 71	4,428.00
Account High School Agric. Dept.	2,304.95
Vocational Tuition & Trans.	791.53

Total	\$24,672.60
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ESTIMATES OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE TOWN
OF HATFIELD ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1955

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Chapter 70	\$17,000.00
Chapter 71	4,400.00
High School Agri. Dept.	2,000.00
Vocational Tuition & Trans.	750.00

Total	\$24,150.00
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SCHOOL BUDGET OF 1955

1954 Approp.	1954 Cost	Classification	1955 Estimated
Salaries			
\$32,841.64	\$32,445.63	Elementary	\$39,203.00
25,069.69	24,556.80	Secondary	25,185.00
2,225.00	2,124.88	Music, Art, Penman- ship	2,325.00
4,164.67	3,218.63	Vocational	4,300.00
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\$64,301.00	\$62,345.94		\$71,013.00

Textbooks and Supplies

\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,757.26	Elementary	\$3,000.00
1,200.00	1,609.13	Secondary	1,000.00
250.00		Vocational, High School	250.00
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\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,366.39		\$4,250.00

Custodians' Salaries

\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,804.84	Elementary	\$2,800.00
2,600.00	2,599.92	Secondary	2,600.00
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\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,404.76		\$5,400.00

Fuel

\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,319.75	Elementary	\$1,700.00
900.00	936.88	Secondary	900.00
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\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,256.63		\$2,600.00

Miscellaneous Operational
(Lights, janitorial supplies)

\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,046.77	Elementary	\$1,000.00
450.00	512.59	Secondary	400.00
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\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,559.36		\$1,400.00

Plant Maintenance

\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,208.17	Center School	\$700.00
300.00	483.01	School Street School	300.00
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\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,691.18		\$1,000.00

School Health

\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	Salary	\$1,400.00
150.00	31.42	Supplies (expense)	150.00
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\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,431.42		\$1,550.00

Transportation

\$ 6,426.00	\$ 6,372.00	Regular	\$6,426.00
800.00	10.00	Other	500.00
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\$ 7,226.00	\$ 6,382.00		\$6,926.00

Physical Education

\$ 200.00	\$ 131.00	Towels	\$200.00
150.00	184.75	Supplies	150.00
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\$ 350.00	\$ 315.75		\$350.00

Miscellaneous

.....	\$	237.35	Education of Crippled Children	\$500.00
380.00		412.30	Athletic Insurance	420.00
		29.50	Other	
30.00		29.29	General Insurance	40.00
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\$	410.00	\$	708.44	\$960.00

Vo-Ag Power

\$	70.00	\$	45.00	\$70.00
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Administration

\$	1,367.00	\$	1,366.56	Supt.'s Salary	\$1,900.00
	200.00		168.02	Expenses	200.00
	200.00		200.00	Work Certificates	200.00
	350.00		312.67	Postage, Tel., Office Sup- plies, Station- ery	350.00
	50.00		School Census	50.00
	200.00		168.00	Clerk	200.00
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\$	2,367.00	\$	2,215.25		\$2,900.00

New Equipment

\$	750.00	\$	2,089.00	\$750.00
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Graduations

\$	100.00	\$	104.21	\$150.00
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\$92,974.00	\$91,915.33	Total		\$99,319.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1954 - 1955

- Sept. 7 Tuesday—Staff meeting—10:00 a. m., Center School Library
- Sept. 8 Wednesday—Schools open with full sessions
- Oct. 8 Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention
- Oct. 12 Tuesday—Schools closed—Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 Tuesday—Schools closed—Columbus Day
- Nov. 24—Wednesday—Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving holidays
- Nov. 29 Monday—Schools open
- Dec. 23 Thursday—Schools closed for Christmas holidays

1955

- Jan. 3 Monday—Schools open
- Feb. 21 Monday—Schools closed—beginning of winter vacation
- Feb. 28 Monday—Schools open
- April 8 Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday
- April 18 Monday—Schools closed — beginning of spring vacation
- April 25 Monday—Schools open
- May 29 Sunday—Memorial Day Exercises
- May 30 Monday—Schools closed—Memorial Day
- June 16 Thursday—Elementary school graduation; Cafeteria closes
- June 17 Friday—High school graduation
- Elementary School Days—179
- High School Days—180

Approved by the School Committee June 9, 1954

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1954

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21
1953	54	44	29	38	31	35	25	21
1954	38	54	42	32	38	34	38	26

Comparative Totals for the Center School

Year	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Total pupils	229	243	233	234	256	277	302

Smith Academy Enrollment by Classes

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Totals
1951	25	26	20	17	88
1952	18	25	21	20	84
1953	20	16	26	19	81
1954	21	20	16	23	80

Totals for Hatfield Schools

Year	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Totals	300	317	311	322	340	358	382

SCHOOL CENSUS

As of October 1, 1954

	Boys	Girls	Total
From five to seven	48	61	109
From seven to sixteen	162	129	291
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	210	190	400

Comparative Totals for Seven Year Period

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
From 5 to 7	74	81	62	68	88	115	109
From 7 to 16	249	257	255	259	266	259	291
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	323	338	317	327	354	374	400

Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Hatfield:

Bring together a number of elementary school teachers from anywhere in the country and ask them the question, "What is your most vexing educational problem?" The problem of report cards is likely to be near the top of the list. Parents have indicated that they too, consider report cards a problem.

The problem of grades of any kind is complicated. However, dealing with humans, among whom there are no two alike, makes the situation difficult.

Report cards are usually discussed in impersonal, theoretical terms, with little attention paid practical problems and human values involved. We have held several discussions on these matters. I would like to review some of these at this time.

What to mark: Almost all cards list the various subjects taught; this would seem clear enough. If Junior makes O in mathematics, the assumption is that he has done well in the subject. The report does not make clear, however, whether the O indicates superior attainment in quantitative concepts of thinking or merely a good memory for prescribed methods of getting the answer. Does O in English refer to grammatical excellence, deftness in composition, quality of thinking, or all three?

Work habits and character traits: Truly these broad objectives of education should be evaluated, but it is doubtful that evaluations of this type item should appear on report cards. It is a fallacious belief that teachers can accurately evaluate character traits. Does "attitude" mean attitude toward the teacher, toward school work, or other children? The marks children receive on these items are likely to be the result of rather generalized impressions made on the teacher.

How to mark: Some of the older systems give a percentage mark for each item, such as 90 in English. The 90 may mean percentile rank in the class, or it may represent nine-tenths attainment of perfection. Some people contend that all marks should be based on the normal curve, but one class may be too small to represent a "normal" student population. The practice of using records of previous classes as a norm is not a commendable procedure for they are of the past.

The four or five point letter scale seems to be the most popular, with the letters used in grading, referring to the child's ability.

Surely sooner or later the child should come to recognize how his abilities compare with others; it would be most unfortunate if a boy with an intelligence quotient of 92 should wish to attend a medical school where the average intelligence quotient is 50 or more points higher. Youngsters must be helped to realize that despite certain limitations, there is yet a chance for happy worthwhile life.

Some systems have tried having only two marks, called passed and incomplete. Such a system draws the line too closely. There is nothing to distinguish between just passing and the best student.

Some reports are in reality letters to parents. Unless the teacher has both great skill in the use of language and uncanny insight, these epistles are quite likely to give a fair sample of the teacher's penmanship, and little else. Some systems have the pupils write progress reports to take home. The writer cannot imagine a student being too critical of himself. Furthermore, the youngster's sincerity could depend somewhat on his relations with his parents at the moment.

Too frequently marks have been thought of only as statistical measurements; they should also be measured on the basis of how they affect those concerned—teacher, parents, child.

Many teachers feel that making out report cards is the most unpleasant of their teaching duties. There are always the questions of "Have I incorrectly evaluated some pupil's work?" or "Have I included all factors in this mark?"

Parents are frequently confused. If the child makes low marks, the parents develop guilty feelings for somehow having failed as parents. The parent feels vaguely that he should "do something." The remedies tried—scolding for low marks and rewards for good—rarely improve marks for they are not suited to the basic causes of the child's difficulties. Unfortunately relationships are frequently complicated. Marks are compared by the parents on the false premise that any child in the family can, if they wish, do as well as any other.

The child thinks of marks as representing the teacher's evaluation, not so much of his achievement, as of himself. He is never entirely sure why he makes the mark he does. He works for marks instead of for rewards provided by the completion of the task itself. He believes he will be judged by the mark, not by the satisfaction and pleasure he derives from the experience.

Some sort of records must be kept. Therefore, some sort of report. Many authorities suggest a diagnostic letter containing facts about the child and his work. Faculty committees may work out a guide for the preparation of such letters. Any form of report must be based on continuous and comprehensive evaluation. The school should evaluate the child by various instruments in order to be able to strengthen his weaknesses and build on his strong points.

Irrespective of what form of written report is used, it can never be a substitute for personal contacts. A friendly, informal, conference at which teacher and parent discuss ways in which they can work together for the best interests of the child is the real answer to the whole problem.

In last year's report we noted the continuance of a Boston trip for grade six plus an expected New York trip for grade eight. Both trips were taken under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Edward Breor and Miss Jean Kempisty.

ITINERARY OF GRADE EIGHT TRIP

6.00 a. m. Left Hatfield by Peter Pan bus.

10.45 a. m. Arrived at United Nations Building for a Guided Tour.

12:30 p. m. Visit to the Statue of Liberty and China Town.

2:00 p. m. Guided tour of N.B.C. studios where "Behind the scenes of broadcasting and television" were seen.

3:15 p. m. Visit to Rockefeller Center.

4:00 p. m. Empire State Building Observations.

The children used the New York trip as the theme for their graduation program last June. The program was well prepared, well given, and above all forcefully highlighted the benefits gained by the experiences encountered.

Such trips are completely financed with funds raised by the sale of magazine subscriptions to town folks. Therefore, we, with more than usual vigor, wish to thank the citizens of Hatfield for the large measure of support extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND N. JENNESS,

Principal, Center School.

Report of the School Building Needs Committee

January 21, 1955

On February 15, 1954, the annual town meeting authorized the moderator to appoint a committee of twenty-five, including the school committee and the superintendent of schools, to study the school building needs for the town; said committee to report back to the town on or before the next annual town meeting.

In compliance with the vote of the town meeting, Moderator Gordon Woodward announced on March 17, 1954, the following list of names as members of this committee: Eugene Proulx, Herman Southard, A. Cory Bardwell, Edward T. Kostek, Mrs. William G. Blyda, Frank Malinowski, Jr., Mrs. Joseph Baceski, Paul Cernak, Mrs. Marcus J. Boyle, Stephen Bruscoe, Alex Celatka, Mrs. Richard Belden, Ralph Pickett, Thaddeus Kabat, Mrs. Theodore Blauvelt, Mrs. John Cantwell, John W. Mullins, Sr., Edward S. Dickinson, Mrs. John Burda, Bernard Donnis, John Osley, Jr., Edward Kowalski, Zygmunt Jaworski, John Cernak, and John Jakobek.

The School Building Needs Committee met on March 22 and organized as follows: secretary, Mrs. Theodore Blauvelt; chairman, John Jakobek. Several committees were formed at this time to investigate the various aspects of the task given to the group. These groups investigated their purposes and reported back to the whole committee from time to time.

In all, the Building Needs Committee met five times, various members of the committee met three times with Mr. John Marshall of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, and several other meetings of the various subcommittees were held.

Present Conditions

At the present time, the elementary school classes are arranged as follows: two first grades meet in the School Street School, and nine classes, distributed in the following manner, are held at the Center School; one second grade classroom is being conducted in the basement of the Center School; one second grade is on the first floor of the building, along with two third grades and the eighth grade. The second floor of the Center School has a fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade classroom.

During the last year it has been necessary to increase the number of classrooms by two to accommodate the increasing enrollments. During the summer of 1954, the school authorities had to appropriate the Center School library to adequately house and educate the increased enrollments. After the beginning of school in September, the School Committee found it necessary to divide the first grade to relieve the overcrowded conditions in that grade. The basement room mentioned above was remodelled and appropriated as a classroom, to meet the increasing need for room.

Although the basement room which has been remodelled for classroom usage makes a reasonable appearance, Mr. Lane, the State Building Inspector, has given the school authorities to understand that this room will receive temporary approval for usage only so long as the town is making progress toward the alleviation of its overcrowded conditions.

Recommendations

On the basis of the present enrollment figures and the projected figures based upon the actual number of children living in Hatfield, a complete summary of which follows, this committee goes on record as favoring immediate action to relieve the future housing needs for the children of Hatfield. It is not the task of this committee to define the form of the exact needs; therefore, this committee does not attempt to do so. The exact form that will meet the pressing school enrollment needs must be decided by a building committee.

It is the considered opinion of this survey committee that an absolute minimum of five additional classrooms will be necessary by 1959 to adequately house the classes at that time. In order to meet other desirable educational criteria and secure the approval of the State School Assistance Commission for financial help for the alleviation of these overcrowded conditions, additional facilities, such as an all-purpose room, will be expected.

As a result of a detailed study of the future needs of the schools of Hatfield, your School Building Needs Committee recommends that the Annual Town Meeting accept the recommendation of this committee and vote to establish a Building Committee of seven members to further study the School Building Needs; to draw plans and specifications to accommodate the increasing school enrollments expected in the near future; and to present these additional building needs to the Town of Hatfield on or before the Annual Town meeting in 1956.

Approved by the Committee

January 21, 1955

STATISTICS FURNISHING BACKGROUND FOR SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS

Vital Statistics		Present School Enrollment	
Year	No. Born	Grade	Number
1941	23	8	26
1942	40	7	38
1943	36	6	34
1944	34	5	38
1945	28	4	32
1946	45	3	42
1947	53	2	54*
1948	44	1	38*
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Total	303		302

It is the considered opinion of educational authorities that 25 elementary school pupils per room is the most satisfactory for instruction.

		No. to enter Grade One as of November 1, 1954	
1949	49	49*	1955
1950	44	41	1956
1951	58	55	1957
1952	36	42	1958
1953	43	38	1959
1954	40	39	1960

Estimated Enrollments		Possible Enrollment: High School		
(Grades 1 through 8)		Year	100%	Expected
1955	325	1955	83	81
1956	328	1956	105	100
1957	349	1957	119	110
1958	353	1958	136	125
1959	359	1959	142	132

* Indicates a year in which, due to a change in entrance age, entering pupils were from an 11-month period only.

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1954-1955

Superintendent of Schools

John C. Jakobek

Smith Academy

George Feiker: Agriculture

Florence Muller: French I, II & III, Latin I, World History

Margaret Pruzynski: Typing I and II, Shorthand I and II, Bookkeeping, Secretarial Practice, General Business

Mary Ryan: English

John Skarzynski: Algebra I and II, Plane Geometry, Chemistry, Plane Trigonometry, Solid Geometry

Mary Spakowski: Biology, Home and Family, Home Economics

John Symancyk: General Science, General Mathematics, Physical Education, United States History, Problems of Democracy

Center School

Raymond Jenness: Principal, General Science

Dorothy Breor: Grade 8, English, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Sarah Kiley: Grade 7, Social Studies, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Jean Kempisty: Grade 6, Arithmetic, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Constance Willhite, Grade 5

Hilda Fortsch: Grade 4

Mary Donelson, Grade 3

Jane Blauvelt, Grade 3

Martha Boyle, Grade 2

Eleanor Stenglein, Grade 2

Lena Fitzgerald, Grade 1, School Street School

Helen Kostek, Grade 1, School Street School

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and the School Committee:

The main objective of school health is to develop a comprehensive health program which will produce proper health habits and attitudes so that our children will be self-directing in maintaining their own health and the health of the community. Teachers contribute a great deal in the field of health through their classroom instruction of good health habits, personal cleanliness, good nutrition and posture; through their daily morning inspection of pupils; and in keeping the classrooms properly ventilated and lighted at all times.

The aim of physical examinations, today, is to make the examination an educational experience, by encouraging each child to discuss his health with the physician. The examining physician not only checks on the physiological functioning of the child, but assists the child to better understand his own health and health problems.

This year, parents of pupils of Grades One and Four were invited to be present at the time of examination of their child. A number of parents attended. In this way, the physician had an opportunity not only to discover but also to assist in the correction of physical handicaps, as well as to become acquainted with each child—with each child's special problem and with the child's environment, including his parents. All the

grades were examined and defects that were found were reported to the parents through a home visit by the school nurse. Parents have been very co-operative in seeking advice and correction as recommended.

A Tuberculosis Survey was conducted in May. Patch testing was done on pupils of grades two through twelve. Notices were sent to the parents of 8 students in the grammar school who had preliminary positive reactions, urging them to consult their own physician or the school physician for further examination or X-ray.

There were three students in the high school who had positive reactions on the Patch Test. X-ray examinations revealed that no pulmonary infections were present.

As a result of the physical examinations, six students were recommended and accepted to Camp Hodgkins for a four-week period during the summer. Reports received from Camp Hodgkins indicate that the X-rayed children tested negatively at that time.

One of the duties of the school nurse is to examine the child's ability to see. This is done locally by means of the Massachusetts Vision Test, a device for screening visual difficulties in schools. Pupils found to be failing this test should, through their parents, seek competent advice from eye doctors. The following table presents a complete summary of these examinations during the last three years.

Grade	1952-3		1953-4		1954-5	
	Tested	Referred	Tested	Referred	Tested	Referred
1	44	1	54	0	37	0
2	32	2	43	1	53	0
3	37	2			42	0
4	31	3	36	4	33	4
5	37	7	2	2	38	0
6	26	6	35	3	34	5
7	20	4			35	4
8	21	1	21	4	26	6
9	18	3	3	3	21	3
10	24	3	12	3	19	1
11	22	3	3	3	17	2
12	18	4	14	0	23	0
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Total	330	39	223	23	378	25

The following summaries give totals for the action taken regarding those students who failed their tests.

1952-3		1953-4		1954-5	
New Lenses	6	New Lenses	1	Glasses	8
Glasses	12	Glasses	13	New Lenses	2
Corrective		Corrective			
care	13	care	3		
Nothing done	8	Nothing done	4		

The following comments are in order in considering the above figures:

1. The 1952-3 school year was the first year of extensive use of the Massachusetts Vision Test and therefore more cases than ordinarily discovered were revealed.

2. In conformity with the regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, during the

1953-4 school year most of the testing was done in the even-number grades. The testing done in the other grades was done on new students to the Hatfield schools.

3. Some parents whose children failed in the screening test did not follow through with an examination by a competent eye doctor. This would naturally reflect in the total number of failures in the following year.

4. The total number of failures for 1954-5 are considerably less than 10% of those tested.

5. Inasmuch as the vision testing has been but recently completed for this school year, the totals for 1954-5 corrective procedures are incomplete.

Dr. Glade Hall, of Florence, conducted a Dental Clinic for ten weeks in the spring. A total of 240 operations were completed. Funds for needy children who needed dental correction were provided by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The following communicable diseases were reported to this office:

Scarlet Fever	1	Mumps	14	Chicken Pox	34
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In accordance with the State Health Laws, all personnel having contact with school children are required by law to be X-rayed every three years. Because of this law, all personnel were X-rayed and reports are as follows:

Teachers —19	Negative	School bus drivers—4	
Music supervisor	Negative		Negative
Janitors—2	Negative	School Nurse	Negative

Your school nurse attended conferences during the year relating to the following topics:

New rules pertaining to the Massachusetts Vision Test.

Newer trends in school nursing -

Emotional problems of school children—a series of eight lectures.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the school officials, teachers, parents, and physicians for their co-operation in the Health Program, and to the Lions Club and the American Legion Auxiliary for their financial assistance rendered to needy students for the correction of defects.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R. N.

Visiting Nurse

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The Directors of the Visiting Nurse Association present the following report:

We feel very proud that our nursing service is now starting its eighth year, and has really become a vital part of our health program in Hatfield.

The total number of visits made by the Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Lucille Godek, were 503. They are classified as follows:

Clinical Medical	306
Acute Medical	95
Surgical	32
Child Welfare	35
Public Health	19
Maternity	16
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Total	503

A "Well Child Clinic" was held in the Community Rooms May 24 and 25, when 55 children were examined by Dr. Fredrika Smith, pediatrician, of Northampton. Follow up on these patients was done by the nurse. Mrs. William Clave of Greenfield was nutritionist at this clinic.

Expenses and receipts for 1954 were:

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1954	\$461.05
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Receipts from:

Visiting Nurse	\$317.00
Town	1,365.00

Total receipts for 1954	<u>1,682.00</u>
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Expenses:

Nurse's salary	\$1,325.00
Mileage	123.95
Telephone	109.96
Social Security	26.50
Bank charge	.74

Total expenses for 1954	<u>1,586.15</u>
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Balance as of January 1, 1955	<u>\$556.90</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL I. BYRNE,

Chairman, Nursing Advisory Committee.

School Lunch

To the Superintendent and the School Committee of Hatfield:

In February, 1954, a Hatfield Food Habit Study was made under the direction of Mrs. Gerda N. Horst, state nutritionist. The diet records were not intended to give a complete and accurate picture of the eating habits of individuals but the composite points up some of the tendencies prevalent in the schools.

The school nurse, teachers, and some parents helped with the tabulation of results. "It is unfortunate that more parents did not have the opportunity of working with the food records for those who did discovered surprising facts about the eating habits of children."

The items in which deficiencies were indicated are 1. Meats, fish or poultry; 2. Fats. 3. Not less than 3 cups of milk per day. The school lunch, with only A type meals served, fulfills many of the child's dietary needs, but the records indicate that the children may not be eating all the meal or drinking the milk.

We are placing added emphasis on the drinking of milk not only at lunch time but throughout the day. Milk is now available to children in the School Street School at recess periods. The cost is partially covered by federal funds and the balance by the youngsters at 2 cents per day.

Fortunately, the kitchen corps, headed by Mrs. Mullins, remained intact thus insuring a continuance of approved meals.

Lunch was served 176 days in 1954. This was one day less than 1953, but lunches rose from 47,473 in 1953 to 52,840 in 1954.

1954

From Collections:

Wages	\$4,022.00	
Food	4,648.17	
Fuel	102.05	
Misc. Supplies	84.92	
Misc. Equipment	236.79	
Telephone	23.60	
Repairs	34.57	
All Others	16.19	
Total Payments		\$9,168.29

From Commodity Distribution Fund:

Wages	1,263.20	
Food	2,720.47	
Fuel	109.90	
Misc. Supplies	130.53	
Misc. Repairs	62.10	
Equipment	118.64	
All Other	39.89	
Total Payments		4,444.73

Payments from All Funds: 13,613.02

Receipts:

Received from Commodity Distribution Fund	4,827.79
Received from Collections, 1954	7,391.96

RAYMOND N. JENNESS

Director, Hatfield School Lunch.

January 26, 1955.

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John Cernak, Chairman
Hatfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir :

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1954, and submit the following report thereon :

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments collecting or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts were checked with the town treasurer's cash book, and the payments were compared with the approved treasury warrants.

The appropriations, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings, were checked with the ledger appropriation accounts, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated.

The necessary adjusting entries were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1954.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the board of selectmen authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash balance on December 31, 1954 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal taxes, county retirement system, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were checked, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on December 31, 1954 were proved.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income was proved, and the amounts paid to the town were verified.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the town treasurer were verified, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings were compared with the aggregate amount raised in the determination of the 1954 tax rate.

The receipts for dog and sporting licenses and gasoline renewals issued by the town clerk were checked with the records of licenses issued, and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Th records for the rental of town property were examined. The charges were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done and the payments to the trasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the inspector of slaughtering and of the public welfare, highway, veterans' services, and cemetery departments were examined and checked. The charges were listed and compared with the accountant's record of commitments, the payments to the treasurer and the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts on December 31, 1954 were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The recorded receipts of the school lunch and athletic programs were audited and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked. The commitments of water rates and services were proved, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax, water, and departmental accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of receipts of the library were examined and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the highway department payrolls. The recorded collections were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the several trust funds.

For the cooperation received from all officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1955

SELECTMEN

Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr., Chm.

Philip Z. Maiewski

Edward S. Prew (7/5/55)

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mitchell W. Kempisty, Chm.

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Lewis Wendolowski

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

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Edward S. Kowalski, Chm.

Zygmunt S. Jaworski

Eugene Proulx

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Rupert Harubin, Chm.

Michael Yanginski

Arthur Smith

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chm.
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ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Frank T. Woodward

TREE WARDEN

Francis E. Godin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Peter Novak

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Stanley J. Filipek

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Lucille Godek

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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Edward T. Kostek

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Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

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Henry Sliwoski

DOG OFFICER

Henry Sliwoski

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Henry Sliwoski

James E. McGrath

Joseph S. Wilkes

Henry Kosakowski

Stanley J. Filipek

John Brennan

Peter Kubosiak

Mitchell Kempisty

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 Anthony Malinowski
 Stanley Malinowski
 Peter Malinowski
 William Podmayer
 Stanley Prucnal

Peter Backiel
 George Omasta
 Wacław Yanucik
 Simeon M. Bourdon
 Kenneth Carpenter
 Alfred E. Breor

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Michael J. Yarrows

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 Francis McGrath, Capt.
 Arthur Smith, Lieut.
 Thomas Mullany
 Herbert Smith
 Raymond Balise
 William Boyle
 Marcus Boyle
 Joseph Wendlowski, Jr.
 Henry Kosakowski
 Peter Kubosiak
 Alfred Proulx
 John Fortsch
 Bernard Pelis
 Bernard Shaw

John Cernak
 Francis Godin
 Mitchell Kempisty
 Joseph Krawczyk
 Martin Brassord
 William Betsold
 John Gizienksi
 Frank Zawacki
 Thomas Sheehan
 Raymond Jenness
 Marcus Mullins
 Edward Skarpetowski
 Edward Kempisty
 Frank Filipek
 Charles Petrowicz

North Hatfield

Ralph Pickett, Capt.	Albert Omasta
Rudolph Mathieu	Michael Omasta
Donald Mathieu, Eng.	Steve Duga
Richard Belden	Edward Wroblewski
Clifford Belden, Jr.	Herman Southard
Philip Maiewski	John Maslowski
Charles Belden	Merrill Siemionko
Louis Kubilis	Teddy Smiarowski

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Osley, Jr., Chm.

Dorothy Boyle	Thaddeus Kabat
Bernard Donnis	Pauline Burda
Luther A. Belden	George Zgrodnik

TOWN OF HATFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated 1670

Area — 8900 Acres

Elevation — 132 feet at Main Street

Population 1955 Census — 2236

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Hampshire District

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.
Chesterfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Franklin and Hampshire District

Ralph C. Mahar
Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.
John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said county, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday the 20th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, for one year; one Selectman for three years; one Selectman for two years; one Selectman for one year; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Tree Warden for one year; Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for one year and one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$271.70 received from the dog fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,955.12 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the county commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00 for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, the town's share, for new construction on Elm Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for reconstructing the sidewalk on the northerly side of Elm Street, from Dwight Street in an easterly direction, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 for the support of a visiting nurse, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the recreation program, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$5,000.00, said sum, together with the trade-in value of the 1946 Ford truck with plow, to be used to purchase a new truck, equipped with snow plow and other winter equipment, for the highway department, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Dike repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Fence repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to extend the North Street Sewer, approximately 1600 feet in a northerly direction, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00 to construct a sewer on Old Farms Road in Bradstreet, approximately 700 feet in an easterly direction from River Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purchase of land, abutting Main Street Cemetery on the east, from Arthur C. Bardwell for an addition to the Main Street Cemetery, and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for drainage, grading and

driveways in conjunction with this addition, from the unexpended Cemetery Land Purchase appropriation made at the Annual Town Meeting in 1955 under Article 32, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, under the provisions of Section 64 of Chapter 44, General Laws, the sum of \$62.50 for the payment of unpaid bills of the Water Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to elect the Moderator, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Tree Warden for a term of three years, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following By-Laws:

FRONT YARDS

1. No building shall be built less than twenty-five (25) feet from the street line. Provided that no major buildings need be set back more than the average of the set-backs of the buildings on the next lots on either side.

In the case of corner lots the front yard depths shall be observed from all bordering streets.

SIDE YARDS

2. No building shall be built or placed within fifteen (15) feet of a side lot line.

PROJECTIONS

3. Nothing herein shall prevent the projection of steps, roofless porches, chimneys, eaves, or other ornamental features into any required yard.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR.

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI

Selectmen of Hatfield

Report of Finance Committee

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	1955 Approp.	Amount Spent	1955 Requested	Recom- mended
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1956	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1956, 3 @ \$300.00	900.00	753.26	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	118.26	150.00	150.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,475.00
6. Accountant's Expense	125.00	113.44	125.00	125.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1956	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,975.00	1,875.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	475.00	458.55	475.00	475.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1956	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	650.00	649.95	650.00	650.00
11. Assessors' Salaries, Jan. 1, 1956, 3 @ \$550.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	331.52	400.00	400.00

13.	Attorney's Fees	200.00	50.00	200.00	200.00
14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1956	1,775.00	1,775.00		1,775.00
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	325.83	350.00	350.00
16.	Election & Registration	875.00	861.00	975.00	875.00
17.	Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
18.	Town Hall	6,000.00	5,872.26	6,000.00	6,000.00
19.	Police	2,000.00	2,152.17	3,000.00	2,500.00
20.	Fire Department	3,000.00	3,332.96	3,500.00	2,500.00
21.	Tree Work	1,600.00	1,583.14	1,600.00	1,600.00
22.	Moth Work	1,000.00	975.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
23.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Salary	200.00	200.00	250.00	200.00
24.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Expense	100.00	94.00	100.00	100.00
25.	Public Health	1,000.00	655.04	1,000.00	500.00
26.	School Physician	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
27.	Insp. of Animals & Slaughter	360.00	360.00	360.00	360.00
28.	Insp. Children, Immunization	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
29.	Insp. Children, Tuberculosis	75.00	.....	75.00	75.00
30.	Highway, General	6,250.00	6,141.77	7,000.00	7,000.00

31. Highway, Chapter 81	8,500.00	.....	8,500.00	8,500.00
32. *Highway, Chap. 81, Sec. 6A Chap. 44	13,750.00	22,246.06	13,750.00	13,750.00
33. Highway, Chap. 90 Maint.	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00	1,300.00
34. *Highway, Chap. 90 Maint. Sec. 6A Chap. 44	2,600.00	3,898.77	2,600.00	2,600.00
35. Machinery Operating	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
36. Street Lights	4,250.00	4,264.00	4,400.00	4,300.00
37. Public Welfare	4,000.00	2,729.26	4,000.00	4,000.00
38. Disability Assistance	3,500.00	3,123.15	3,500.00	3,500.00
39. Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00	632.59	2,000.00	2,000.00
40. Old Age Assistance	14,000.00	13,780.04	16,500.00	16,500.00
41. Veterans' Benefits	2,200.00	2,190.71	2,000.00	2,000.00
42. School Committee Expense	200.00	26.10	200.00	200.00
43. Schools	99,319.00	98,462.61	106,260.00	105,000.00
44. Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	2,500.00	2,301.10	3,000.00	2,500.00
45. Library	3,000.00	3,268.16	3,400.00	3,000.00
46. Memorial Day	350.00	337.20	350.00	350.00
47. Care of Town Clock	50.00	290.00	50.00	50.00

48.	Print & Deliver Town Reports	600.00	586.60	600.00	600.00
49.	Telephone	250.00	207.65	250.00	250.00
50.	Unclassified	100.00	79.00	100.00	100.00
51.	Binding Town Records	50.00	.....	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	4,500.00	3,938.56	4,500.00	4,000.00
53.	* Reserve Fund				
	fr. Overlay Surpl.	6,000.00	3,786.96	6,000.00	6,000.00
54.	Water Comm. Salaries				
	Jan. 1, 1956				
	Chairman	\$250.00			
	2 Members @	175.00			
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55.	Water Dept.	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
56.	Cemeteries	7,500.00	7,169.46	8,000.00	7,000.00
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1956	900.00	1,263.63	900.00	900.00
	\$1.75 per hr.				
58.	* Water Main Loans				
	fr. Water Av. Surpl.	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

59. *Interest, Water Loans
fr. Water Av. Surpl.
60. Interest

1,600.00	1,427.50	1,351.50	1,351.00
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\$230,239.00		\$245,081.50	\$238,871.50
39,450.00		33,701.50	33,701.50
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\$190,789.00		\$211,380.00	\$205,170.00

From Available Funds

GEORGE J. ZGRODNIK,
LUTHER A. BELDEN,
WILLIAM E. BOYLE,

Finance Committee.

Selectmen's Report

To Our Fellow Citizens:

We respectfully submit our annual report covering the activities of the board and other items of interest for the past year.

We have received approval of the sewage disposal plant from the Department of Public Health. Only the filter beds need to be finished to complete the project; this would have been done but weather was against doing it. The tank has been put to use for some time.

The sanitary sewer on Elm Street as previously planned, has been completed. This is now available for service. The contract for this work was awarded to the Osley Bros.

We have resurfaced Elm Street from the town line to Dwight Street. This contract was awarded to Warner Bros. of Sunderland, the lowest bidder.

Because of the condition of the Brook Hollow bridge it was felt that the funds available were insufficient so we contacted the County Commissioners for more funds. These were given to use, making it possible to make repairs to the bridge so that it could be put back to use.

We have extended the widening and blacktopping of Chestnut Street to Prospect Street. We feel this improvement is necessary because of the amount of heavy trucks entering town on the road because of low underpasses on other roads.

Perambulating of the town boundaries, in cooperation with the Selectmen of adjoining towns, was carried out in November and December and bound stones were located and re-marked according to law. Two stones on Northampton line were missing.

During the year we had one special town meeting. This was to transfer money from machinery fund for the purchase of a roller. The reason for the purchase at that time was because we were able to buy for a price lower than it would cost to rent it for two years.

We have purchased a two-way radio for the fire truck. This is in conjunction with the mutual aid system. With this equipment the department will be able to summon assistance much sooner than was possible through telephone. We paid half the cost; the other half will be paid by Civil Defense.

Our Chapter 90 work for this year is to complete the resurfacing of Elm Street.

We appointed John Skarzynski Welfare Agent due to Lucille Godek's resignation.

We take this opportunity to thank all town officials and citizens for their advice and assistance in the conduct of town affairs during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR., Chairman

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI

Selectmen

List of Jurors

1.	Richard D. Belden	Farmer
2.	William J. Betsold	Farmer
3.	Arthur J. Brassord	Mechanic
4.	Stephen Duga, Jr.	Carpenter
5.	Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.	Plumber
6.	Inza B. Hilyard	Housewife
7.	Frank Jablonski, Jr.	Farmer
8.	Alice Kacinski	Housewife
9.	Roman Kobylinski	Farmer
10.	Stella V. Kopacz	Housewife
11.	Edward P. Korza	Farmer
12.	Elizabeth Lyman	Housewife
13.	Helen M. McGrath	Housewife
14.	John W. Mullins, Sr.	Farmer
15.	George Omasta	Farmer
16.	John Osley, Jr.	Contractor
17.	William Parmeter	Garage Owner
18.	Matilda H. Pelis	Housewife
19.	Ralph T. Pickett	Truck Driver
20.	Alfred B. Proulx	Farmer
21.	Edward W. Skarpetowski	Dry Cleaner
22.	Teddy C. Smiarowski	Farmer
23.	Joseph S. Wilkes	Foreman
24.	Michael J. Yarrows	Farmer
25.	Stanley Zagrodnik	Farmer

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1955

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	26	33	12
Female	19		5
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Total	45	33	17

Preceding Five Years

1954	40	33	31
1953	43	17	23
1952	36	32	20
1951	58	29	29
1950	44	36	15

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1955	198	375
1954	149	369
1953	117	367
1952	171	407
1951	118	389

License:	Number	Amount
Junk	3	\$24.00
Auto Dealer	3	75.00
Sale of Firearms	2	2.00
Cabin	5	2.50
Slaughter	1	1.00
Milk & Oleo	15	8.00
Lord's Day	14	14.00
Common Victualler	11	11.00
Fruit & Vegetable	1	8.00
Gasoline	1	1.00
Sunday Entertainment	4	20.00
Gasoline Registration	9	4.50
Pedlar's License	1	8.00
Liquor Licenses	15	5,800.00

ELECTIONS

Registered Voters January 1, 1955	1238
Voted at Annual Town Election February 21, 1955	856
Registered Voters December 31, 1955	1232

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 29, 1955

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to install street lights at the residence of George Pfeiffer in North Hatfield and at the corner of Prospect and Chestnut Streets, or take any action thereon.

Article 1. Voted to install street lights at the residence of George Pfeiffer on Straits Road in North Hatfield and at the corner of Prospect and Chestnut Streets above the town's winter sandpile.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a small roller for the highway department, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from the Machinery Fund the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a small roller for the highway department.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest: PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In Account with the Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	\$100,989.38
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Receipts for 1955:

January	\$ 17,688.51	
February	6,432.29	
March	13,477.51	
April	8,097.30	
May	33,643.44	
June	15,720.07	
July	24,745.39	
August	53,897.47	
September	17,174.90	
October	30,838.37	
November	59,605.55	
December	49,036.03	
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		\$431,346.21
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Payments per warrants:

January	\$ 8,860.99
February	17,406.62
March	21,137.77
April	27,865.21
May	14,358.79

June	28,948.81	
July	31,659.39	
August	37,197.73	
September	40,837.39	
October	32,628.92	
November	30,113.89	
December	53,855.39	
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1955		86,475.31
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		\$431,346.21
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PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

	1955 Income	1955 Withdrawal	1955 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$13.84	\$6.34	\$225.05
J. D. Brown	2.89	2.89	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	2.92	2.92	101.00
Charles H. Waite	3.96	3.96	137.49
Charles B. Billings	4.34	4.34	150.00
James Porter	3.16	3.16	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	3.19	3.19	110.82
Charles S. Shattuck	3.19	3.19	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	3.14	3.14	109.45
Reuben Belden	2.90	2.90	100.00
Theo Porter	3.06	3.06	106.18
Charles L. Graves	3.06	3.06	106.22
Augusta Beals	5.99	5.99	207.29
B. M. Warner	6.00	6.00	207.42
Henry Batcheller	2.92	2.92	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	2.92	2.92	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	5.79	5.79	200.67
David Wells	2.89	2.89	100.00
Otis Wells	4.34	4.34	150.00

Carrie L. Graves	2.89	2.89	100.00
Harriet S. Marsh	5.91	5.91	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	2.89	2.89	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	2.89	2.89	100.00
Roswell Billings	4.34	4.34	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	4.34	4.34	150.00
E. S. Warner	2.02	2.02	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.66	1.66	55.24
Caleb & Edgar Dickiison	6.04	6.04	200.00
E. C. Billings	16.39	16.39	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.71	2.71	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	6.71	6.71	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.71	2.71	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	11.30	11.30	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Mastings	7.38	7.38	279.57
Levi Graves	4.19	4.19	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.74	2.74	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.70	2.70	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.72	2.72	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.64	2.64	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	5.32	5.32	201.91
Samuel Field	3.97	3.97	150.53
Samuel Field	3.96	3.96	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.83	2.83	107.18
Daniel Allis	4.02	4.02	152.22
P. M. Wells	3.41	3.41	129.86
Benjamin Waite	2.40	2.40	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.71	2.71	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	3.41	3.41	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	2.87	2.87	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.72	2.72	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.70	2.70	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	2.93	2.93	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	114.30
Luman M. Moore	5.29	5.29	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	8.48	8.48	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	10.59	10.59	401.90
Luther Wells	8.98	8.98	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.38	1.38	52.37
John H. Sanderson	2.77	2.77	105.44

Charles Smith	2.87	2.87	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.83	2.83	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	5.28	5.28	200.00
Henry R. Holden	5.28	5.28	200.00
Fannie Allis	5.28	5.28	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	3.96	3.96	150.00
N. T. Abels	5.28	5.28	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	3.96	3.96	150.00
Fred Schepp	1.97	1.97	75.00
Joseph Schepp	1.97	1.97	75.00
General Care Fund (Hill)	20.20	20.20	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	3.96	3.96	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	3.96	3.96	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	3.96	3.96	150.00
Charles Wight	2.64	2.64	100.00
General Care Fund (Main)	.27	.27	10.00
Stephen Omasta	3.96	3.96	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	5.28	5.28	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	3.96	3.96	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.64	2.64	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.64	2.64	100.00
Herman Harris	2.64	2.64	100.00
Harold J. Morse	3.96	3.96	150.00
John W. Darr	2.64	2.64	100.00
Adam Englehardt	6.61	6.61	250.00
Connie Liebl	4.62	4.62	175.00
George Marsh	5.28	5.28	200.00
R. M. Woods	5.28	5.28	200.00
Arthur Hodder	4.43	4.43	200.00
John Ondras & George Fusek	2.21	2.21	100.00
John Osley, Sr. (new acct.)	1.59	1.59	100.00
Susie Yurik (new acct.)	1.15	1.15	100.00
John Bucala (new acct.)	.23	.23	100.00

	\$397.46	\$389.96	\$15,152.13
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Hannah W. Smith

(In custody of State Treasurer)

300.00

\$15,452.13

Firemen's Relief Fund

\$2.15

\$77.91

PETER S. ROGALESKI,
Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$908,595.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,340,715.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,249,310.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property	342,720.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property and Real Estate	3,592,030.00
Tax Rate per Thousand	46.00
Number of Polls	730
Number of Horses	99
Number of Cattle	444
Number of Fowl	4,500
Number of Dwellings	588
Number of Acres	9,063
Town Appropriations	\$269,572.36
State Audit	814.91
State Parks and Reservations	464.88
County Tax	18,176.00
Overlay	8,704.16

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$23,970.59
Corporation Tax	11,396.17
Excise Tax	13,000.00
Licenses	3,500.00
Schools	7,000.00
Charities	1,000.00
Old Age	5,000.00
Interest on Taxes	200.00
Available Funds	131,038.93
Health and Sanitation	100.00

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM
TAXATION

UNDER CHAPTER 59, CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	\$105,450.00
Town Property	531,700.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
American Legion	4,000.00

MITCHELL KEMPISTY

JOHN W. MULLINS, JR.

LEWIS WENDOLOWSKI

Board of Public Welfare

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	18	\$1,492.96
February	19	1,672.80
March	18	1,437.58
April	18	1,524.56
May	18	1,617.65
June	18	1,576.74
July	18	1,516.80
August	18	1,535.51
September	21	2,018.34
October	22	1,937.41
November	20	1,942.10
December	20	1,919.17

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	4	\$160.71
February	4	218.90
March	5	290.54
April	5	179.00
May	3	200.50
June	3	173.00
July	3	144.60
August	2	139.60
September	2	144.60
October	2	139.60
November	2	160.90
December	2	147.85

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	4	\$393.02
February	4	389.02
March	4	353.74
April	4	389.02
May	4	384.96
June	4	392.72
July	4	377.26
August	4	407.50
September	4	399.80
October	4	392.70
November	4	407.50
December	4	387.50

GENERAL RELIEF

Month	No. of Cases	Payments
January	3	\$ 93.70
February	3	93.70
March	3	93.70
April	5	159.70
May	5	136.70
June	6	181.35
July	6	171.35
August	5	163.70
September	5	163.70
October	4	118.70
November	5	136.80
December	4	118.70

LUCILLE H. GODEK,

Welfare Agent.

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1955; also the number of arrests made in the town of Hatfield:

Speeding	11
Driving under the influence of liquor	1
Unregistered tractor	1
No license in possession	1
Uninsured tractor	1
No registration in possession	1
Pulling 2 trailers without permit	1
Larceny	1
Drunkenness	3
Number summons served	41
All dog taxes collected	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SLIWOSKI,

Chief of Police.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The year of 1955 was a trying one, with unusual weather conditions, yet a progressive one for the Water Department.

Unusually dry weather forced the curtailment of water for purposes other than domestic, yet several weeks later an abundance of rain forced the Water Department to maintain a 24-hr. watch on the reservoir during the period of highest rainfall. The reconstruction of the old dam at the gatehouse was a major factor in holding the water in our reservoir.

Through the efforts of Charles Orsi, head forester in this section, we were able to obtain top priority for the purchase of pine and spruce trees from the state to plant the 14-acre lot which we purchased several years ago from Mr. Golash. Eighty-five hundred trees were purchased directly from the state, and an additional seventy-five hundred from the N. S. H. The trees purchased from the N. S. H. were leftovers and we were able to acquire these at a great saving.

Under the supervision of Mr. Orsi, our superintendent, these trees were planted out during the high school spring vacation by boys from the school. The pines were planted in rows 9' x 12' and the spruce 5' x 6'. When the spruce trees grow to a height of 4 to 6 feet, every other one will be taken out under the supervision of the Water Department and sold for Christmas trees by some worthy organization in the town. Ideal weather conditions during planting and later on in the season gave

these trees a good start, so we lost very few. It is estimated that we have a 98% stand, which is exceptionally good.

With the co-operation of our tree warden, Mr. Godin, a large elm tree was taken down on Elm Street and the Water Department continued on to finish the Elm Street project.

At the last town meeting three thousand dollars was appropriated for the purchase and installation of a new chlorinator. We viewed many on-the-job chlorinators in neighboring towns, including some used by the M. W. S., and decided to buy one from B. I. F. Industries, of Providence, R.I. This chlorinator and transmitting equipment, including a Dahl tube, seemed to fit our water system the best, giving us very little pressure drop. This equipment is to be run by electricity, so we had to see the light people about giving us service to the chlorinating house. We made arrangements with them to install poles and wiring to the chlorinator house with the understanding that we were to do the trimming. Again our tree warden was asked to do this, and with the help of the Water Department this job was completed in January of 1956.

Due to irregular parts for the chlorinating system, our order was held up for six months, and when delivery was finally made, it was too late to install this equipment because of frozen ground. This will be our first project in 1956.

This chlorinating system which we purchased is approved by the Massachusetts Public Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

RUPERT HARUBIN,
ARTHUR E. SMITH,
MICHAEL A. YANGINSKI.

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Hatfield Public Library:

The library report for the year ending December 31, 1955, shows a circulation of 22,896 books and periodicals. This is a slight increase over the preceding year.

The Hatfield Public Library is one of the libraries receiving books from the State Regional Library Center at 4 Fisk Avenue, Greenfield, Mass. During the year we have borrowed 410 books, biographies, travel books and historical novels. These books are very popular among our borrowers and have increased our circulation.

Three Hatfield organizations borrowed a total of 12 films from the Regional Library and showed them to a total attendance of 525. These films may be borrowed free of charge by any organized group in the area by calling the Regional Library Center at Greenfield 8463 or by going to the Center and reserving them in person.

Four hundred and seventy-four books (474) books and 48 periodicals have been catalogued and put into circulation during the past year. Of these, 190 were for children and 284 for adults.

Circulation figures for the past year are as follows:

Juvenile Fiction	7,348
Juvenile Non-Fiction	4,227
Adult Fiction	6,849
Adult Non-Fiction	4,472
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Total Circulation	22,896

Reading Certificates have been awarded to seventy-eight children. Many of these children have continued their reading and have qualified for Honor Certificates. To qualify for the Honor Certificate a student must read at least twenty books, including five non-fiction, from the approved reading list sent out by the State Department of Education.

I am very grateful to the teachers who borrow books from the library for their classrooms. I would like to have all teachers make use of this special service. If anyone is seeking reference books, biographies, or any non-fiction not found on our shelves I will gladly request them from other available sources.

During the past year I have taken several special courses in order to better serve in my capacity as your Librarian. Some of these courses are as follows:

Cataloguing Workshop—Goshen Library, Goshen, Mass.

Book Repair Workshop—Public Library, Greenfield, Mass.

Book Weeding—Public Library, Millers Falls, Mass.

Book Review Session—Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.

Book Review Session—Regional Library Center, Greenfield, Mass.

The library is open Monday and Friday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for your convenience.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Trustees, Teachers and my able assistants for their excellent cooperation during the past year.

THERESA M. GODIN,
Librarian.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past year eleven of our shade trees had to be taken down, classed as unsafe or due to storm damage.

One maple on Pantry Road, three maples and one Japanese elm on Main Street, one maple on South Street, one maple on Chestnut Street, assisted by Walter Piekunka, one maple on King Street, one large elm on Elm Street, taken down and stump removed for water main clearance and road widening, one maple on Porter Avenue and one maple on School Street.

Eight elms were taken down and burned—Dutch Elm disease.

Forty young maples were planted and fertilized last spring throughout town; doing very well.

All shade trees were sprayed twice.

Considerable trimming and cleaning up had to be done at times due to windstorms.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS GODIN.

Report of Recreation Committee

The Recreation Program for the youngsters of the Town has completed nearly two full years, both Summer and Winter, since its beginning under the inspiration of Russ Bastin, former coach and teacher at Smith Academy.

A daily average of some 70 youngsters in Summer and 40 during the Winter Saturday sessions have participated in the Program which is under the capable leadership of Director Don Borgnine of Amherst and sponsored by the Hatfield Parent-Teacher Council.

The Town fulfilling this obligation to its youth, the Committee feels that the ultimate gain will be even more than the immediate enjoyment to be had. The Program appears to gain continued favor with the youngsters as the seasons come and go.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. DONNIS.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the months of November and December as Inspector of Animals I visited all farms where livestock were kept and found most barns kept in good condition.

My report is as follows:

Milk cows and 2-yr. heifers	333
Heifers 1-2 yrs. old	64
Heifer calves under 1 yr.	95
Bulls	9
Steers	58
Sheep	377
Swine	84
Horses	60
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Total	1080
Barns inspected	77

As Inspector of Slaughtering I submit the following report for 1955:

Hogs	26
Cattle	1
Calves	1
Sheep	31
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Total	59

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN,
Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1955	\$976.00	
Personal 1955	12,161.48	
Real 1955	113,494.76	
Poll Previous Years	108.00	
Personal Previous Years	1,911.34	
Real Previous Years	29,383.54	
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		158,035.12

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1955	17,761.51	
Previous Years	3,555.12	
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		21,316.63

Commonwealth of Mass.:

Income Tax	25,335.44	
Corporation Tax	9,989.12	
Meal Tax	510.99	
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		35,835.55

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	5,800.00	
Milk	8.00	
Junk	32.00	
All Other	155.00	
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		5,995.00

Court Fines

70.00

Grants from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	7,940.60	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,154.54	
Disability Assistance	1,131.41	
George Barden & Smith Hughes	386.50	
School Lunch—Comm. Distribution Fund	4,925.60	
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		15,538.65

RECEIPTS

Grants from State:		
Vocational Education	3,363.07	
Transportation	4,506.00	
Highway Chapter 81	3,465.67	
	<hr/>	11,334.74
Grants from Hampshire County:		
Dog Licenses	268.66	
Repairs Brook Hollow Bridge	300.00	
	<hr/>	568.66
Total General Revenue		<hr/> \$248,694.35

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall	\$50.00
Outlays	49.88
Sealer of Weights & Measures	157.30

Health and Sanitation:

Dental Clinic	258.50	
Tuberculosis	10.71	
Slaughter Insp. Fees	22.50	
Sewer Conn.	225.00	
Sewer Plans	10.00	
	<hr/>	526.71

Highways:

Highway Machinery Fund	1,914.00	
Chap. 90 Construction State	12,348.19	
Chap. 90 Construction County	6,174.11	
Fence Damages, etc.	63.91	
	<hr/>	20,500.21

Public Welfare:

Welfare—State	514.59	
Disability Assistance—State	1,482.59	
A. D. C.—State	1,162.35	
O. A. A.—State	7,036.27	
O. A. A.—Cities and Towns	395.83	
O. A. A.—Individuals	722.00	
	<hr/>	11,313.63

RECEIPTS

Veterans' Benefits:

State	409.76	
Individuals	60.00	
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		469.76

Schools:

Athletic Receipts	960.35	
Damages to School Property	5.00	
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		965.35

School Lunch Collections		7,980.33
Library Fines		78.68
Gift to Build Library Room		1,000.00

Water Department:

Water Rents	11,115.95	
Service Connections	750.00	
Hydrant Damages	119.70	
All Other	60.00	
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		12,045.65

Care of Cemetery Lots		360.75
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General Interest:

Interest on Taxes	488.96	
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	15.74	
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		504.70

Interest on Trust Funds		397.46
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Total Commercial Revenue		<hr/>
		\$56,400.41

Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Loan	10,000.00	
Premium on Loan	4.00	
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		10,004.00

Agency, Trust & Investment:

Dog Tax Due County	424.60	
New Funds—Cemetery Perpetual Care	300.00	
Withholding	11,056.90	
Retirement	1,828.32	
Blue Cross	1,564.95	
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		15,174.77

RECEIPTS

Refunds:

Old Age Assistance	21.15	
School Lunch	5.55	
Public Health	51.00	
Blue Cross	5.60	
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		83.30

Total All Receipts	\$330,356.83
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	100,989.38
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Total	<u>\$431,346.21</u>

PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	\$25.00
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will	10.00

Selectmen:

Salary	753.26
Clerk	200.00

Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage	62.01	
Travel	4.40	
Dues	25.00	
All Other	26.85	
	<hr/>	118.26

Town Accountant:

Salary		1,475.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage and Stationery	102.44	
All Other	11.00	
	<hr/>	113.44

Treasurer:

Salary		1,875.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage and Stationery	34.50	
Surety Bond	110.50	
Travel	108.35	
All Other	205.20	
	<hr/>	458.55

PAYMENTS

Collector of Taxes:

Salary:		1,400.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	259.48	
Surety Bond	231.50	
Clerical	106.50	
Travel	52.47	
		<hr/> 649.95

Assessors:

Salary		1,650.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	93.81	
Travel	94.71	
Clerical	89.00	
All Other	54.00	
		<hr/> 331.52

Town Counsel

50.00

Town Clerk:

Salary		1,775.00
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Expenses:

Recording Fees	74.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	28.03	
Surety Bond	7.50	
Clerical	100.00	
All Other	116.30	
		<hr/> 325.83

Election and Registration:

Registrars	55.50	
Election Officers	110.00	
Clerical	180.00	
Printing	43.50	
State Census	472.00	
		<hr/> 861.00

Total General Government

 \$12,071.81

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,608.34
Exterminator	72.00
Fuel	989.38
Lights	775.84
Janitor's Supplies	139.44

PAYMENTS

Repairs	1,115.64	
New Equipment	121.62	
All Other	50.00	
	<hr/>	5,872.26

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$900.00	
Men	232.00	
School Traffic	89.50	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	5.15	
Dog Officer	75.00	
Insurance	190.40	
Equipment	652.12	
All Other	8.00	
	<hr/>	2,152.17

Fire Department:

Clerk	100.00	
Chief	250.00	
Men	893.00	
Care of Trucks	192.00	
Boots, Raincoats, and Misc. Supplies	405.08	
Hose	333.24	
Truck Repairs	370.39	
Fuel	110.45	
Light	65.32	
Rent	240.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	4.59	
Telephone	177.95	
All Other	190.94	
	<hr/>	3,332.96

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary		200.00
Expenses:		
Misc. Supplies	17.20	
Travel	76.80	
	<hr/>	94.00

Moth Work:

Labor	452.80	
Spraying	522.50	
	<hr/>	975.30

PAYMENTS

Tree Work:		
Labor	1,347.70	
Equipment	104.44	
All Other	131.00	
	<hr/>	1,583.14
Civil Defense		300.00
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$8,637.57

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board and Treatment Tuberculosis	\$7.50	
Clerical	140.00	
Hospital Care—Premature	324.00	
All Other	234.54	
	<hr/>	706.04
Inspection Children—Pre-School		100.00
Dental Clinic		279.00
Visiting Nurse		1,000.00
Inspection of Animals and Slaughter		360.00
Well Child Clinic		130.00
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		2,575.04
Sanitary Sewers:		
Elm Street '54 Cont.	1,090.99	
Elm Street Sewer	14,303.55	
	<hr/>	15,394.54
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$17,969.58

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$3,267.28	
Telephone	124.15	
Stones, Gravel, etc.	552.26	
Equipment and Repairs	121.58	
Fuel	160.19	
Light	40.43	
All Other	512.77	
	<hr/>	4,778.66

PAYMENTS

Snow and Ice Removal:

Wages	852.43	
Trucks	318.54	
All Other	192.14	
	<hr/>	1,363.11

Total Highway General 6,141.77

Bridge Repairs:

Labor 323.60

Brook Hollow Bridge:

Labor	800.00	
Lumber, Iron, etc.	799.96	
All Other	64.19	
	<hr/>	1,664.15

Street Lights 4,264.00

Fence Repairs 173.44

Purchase Roller 500.00

Dike Repairs 155.76

Total Highways 13,222.72

Highway Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	1,084.00	
Town Machinery	280.00	
Other Machinery	363.00	
Stone	742.69	
Tar	1,429.08	
	<hr/>	3,898.77

Highway Chapter 90 New Construction:

Elm Street '54	4,701.33	
Elm Street '55	17,514.56	
	<hr/>	22,215.89

Highway Chapter 81:

Labor	9,943.00	
Town Machinery	1,618.00	
Other Machinery	1,565.50	
Colprovia and Tar	7,798.39	
Catch Basin, Pipes, etc.	214.77	
Gravel and Stone	988.00	
All Other	118.40	
	<hr/>	22,246.06

PAYMENTS

Machinery Operating:

Parts and Repairs	2,051.04	
Gas	889.61	
Oil and Grease	59.35	
	<hr/>	3,000.00

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salary, Agent	103.20	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	68.02	
Board and Care	902.34	
Cash Aid to Individuals	1,631.70	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	24.00	
	<hr/>	2,729.26

Disability Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town	3,071.85	
Cash Aid—Federal	1,614.49	
Agent's Salary—Town	51.30	
Agent's Salary—Federal	74.10	
	<hr/>	4,811.74

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Aid—Town	578.61	
Cash Aid—Federal	1,521.19	
Agent's Salary—Town	53.98	
Agent's Salary—Federal	82.82	
	<hr/>	2,236.60

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town	13,169.96	
Cash Aid—Federal	7,304.00	
Other Cities and Towns	43.38	
All Other	151.20	
Agent's Salary—Town	436.65	
Agent's Salary—Federal	386.55	
	<hr/>	21,491.74

Total Welfare

\$31,269.34

Veterans' Benefits:

Agent's Salary	\$250.00
Stationery, Postage, Photostats	23.53
Veterans' Aid	1,219.35

PAYMENTS

Medicine and Medical Attendance	336.58	
Hospital Care	421.25	
	<hr/>	2,250.71
Total Veterans' Benefits		<hr/> \$2,250.71

SCHOOLS**General Administration:**

Superintendent's Salary	\$1,899.96	
Clerk	273.75	
New Equipment	332.45	
Office Supplies	122.47	
Telephone	288.96	
Travel	27.87	
School Census	50.00	
All Other	15.00	
	<hr/>	3,010.46

Teachers' Salaries:

High	28,903.17	
Elementary	38,687.10	
Music	1,349.92	
Drawing	600.00	
Penmanship	450.00	
	<hr/>	69,990.19

Text and Reference Books:

High	452.86	
Elementary	1,944.95	
	<hr/>	2,397.81

Supplies:

High	1,156.14	
Elementary	1,925.21	
Physical Education	121.55	
Agriculture	272.55	
	<hr/>	3,475.45

Transportation:

High	3,243.12	
Elementary	3,243.13	
Other	92.33	
	<hr/>	6,578.58

PAYMENTS

Janitors:		
High	2,609.92	
Elementary	2,810.80	
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Fuel and Light:		
High	1,261.39	
Elementary	2,685.28	
Agriculture	40.50	
	<hr/>	3,987.17
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Janitor's Supplies—High	204.64	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	475.64	
Elementary Repairs	408.30	
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Diplomas and Graduation	117.57	
Miscellaneous	31.17	
Insurance	495.08	
Nurse	1,400.00	
Health Supplies	48.58	
Education Handicapped Children	421.25	
	<hr/>	2,513.65
Total Schools from Appropriation		<hr/> \$98,462.61
School Committee Expense		26.10
Athletic Fund		1,565.68
George Barden—Federal		946.36
Expense of Building Comm.		12.00
School Physician		400.00
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Total Schools		\$101,412.75
Vocational School Tuition and Transportation:		
Tuition	\$1,863.90	
Transportation	437.20	
	<hr/>	2,301.10

SCHOOL LUNCH

Collections:	
Wages	\$4,090.00
Food	5,051.08
Misc. Supplies	193.66

PAYMENTS

Fuel	102.05	
Repairs	115.47	
Equipment	225.00	
	<hr/>	9,777.26
Commodity Distribution Fund:		
Wages	1,593.00	
Food	3,356.58	
Fuel	86.65	
Misc. Supplies	57.71	
New Equipment	205.00	
Travel	9.72	
	<hr/>	5,308.66
Total School Lunch		<hr/> \$15,085.92

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$1,300.00	
Asst. Librarian	541.15	
Janitors	90.00	
Books	880.93	
Periodicals	90.85	
Fuel	204.79	
Light	26.92	
Repairs	109.12	
Stationery and Postage	24.40	
	<hr/>	3,268.16
Repairs to Library Basement		286.00
Total Library		<hr/> \$3,554.16

UNCLASSIFIED

Telephone	\$207.65	
Memorial Day	337.20	
Care of Town Clock	290.00	
Print and Dist. Town Reports	586.60	
Purchase Land on Sunset Ave.	300.00	
Money Due Edward Majeskey	260.00	
Unclassified	79.00	
Unpaid Bills	2,150.05	
Outlays	52.38	
Recreation	700.00	
Retirement Assessment	1,604.65	
	<hr/>	\$6,567.53

PAYMENTS

INSURANCE

Monies and Securities	\$73.00
Liability and Property Damage	608.49
Volunteer Firement	128.75
Workmen's Compensation	1,491.50
Public Liability	269.44
Trucks—All Risks	214.10
Town Schedule	1,153.28
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	\$3,938.56

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries	\$600.00
Collector's Commission	555.80
Clerical	143.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery	45.00
Collector's Bond	10.00
Miscellaneous	24.36
Labor	3,613.20
Trucks and Shovels	589.75
Pipe and Fittings	1,581.43
All Other	149.95
Care of Chlorinator	304.97
Chlorine	152.00
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	7,169.46
Elm Street Line:	
Labor	1,671.60
Trucks, etc.	1,261.25
Pipe and Fittings	6,984.49
All Other	45.82
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	9,963.16
Improve Watershed	893.35
Build New Chlorinator	2,027.10
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Total Water Department	\$20,653.07

CEMETERIES

Clerical	\$50.00
Labor	879.00
Equipment and Repairs	334.63
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	1,263.63

PAYMENTS

INTEREST

Interest on Water Loans	1,427.50
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Loan Notes	8,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:

State Parks	\$408.93	
State Audit	814.91	
County	19,456.85	
Dog Licenses for County	426.40	
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Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Fund	300.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Interest	7.50
Retirement	1,828.32
Withholding	11,056.90
Blue Cross	1,574.85
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment	\$35,874.66
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REFUNDS

Taxes	\$1,174.98	
Motor Vehicle Excise	962.23	
Accrued Interest	.10	
	<hr/>	2,137.31

Total Payments	\$344,870.90
Balance January 1, 1956	86,475.31

TOTAL	<hr/> <hr/> \$431,346.21
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TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1955

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash		Road Machinery Earnings Fund	\$6,126.16
Accounts Receivable		Federal Grants:	
Taxes:		Disability Assistance	29.20
Levy of 1952	867.27	Disability Assist. Adm.	7.21
Levy of 1953	2,628.24	Aid to Dependent	
Levy of 1954	6,061.24	Children	92.20
Levy of 1955	37,582.44	Old Age Assistance	397.38
	<hr/>	Old Age Assist. Adm.	56.69
	47,139.19	Schools—	
		George Barden	241.12
Motor Vehicle Excise:			<hr/>
Levy of 1952	186.00		823.80
Levy of 1953	624.42	School Athletic Fund	813.96
Levy of 1954	1,674.25	School Lunch Collections	2,852.88
Levy of 1955	4,669.52		<hr/>
	<hr/>		3,666.84
	7,154.19		

Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	189.46
Care of Cemetery Lots	241.75
Slaughter Insp. Fees	46.25
Veterans' Services	388.23
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Water Department:

Water Rates	3,573.54
Water Connections	35.00
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Aid to Highways:

County	1,300.00
State	13,158.95
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Outlays	

Underestimates:

County Tax

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Highway Chapter 90	801.16
New Const.	493.98
Bridge Repairs	503.67
Elm Street Sewer Expense School	
Building Comm.	3,988.00
Build New Room at Library	7,922.57
Civil Defense	575.95
Purchase and Install New Chlorinator	972.90
Purchase or Take Land Within Watershed	2,800.00
Purchase Land from Karen Est.—Cemetery	1,000.00
Land Purchase—No. Hatfield Cemetery	300.00
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Water Available Surplus	19,358.23
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	12,049.30
	6,182.69

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Overlay 1952	867.27
Overlay 1953	2,628.24
Overlay 1954	4,933.77
Overlay 1955	5,155.96
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	13,585.24

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Departmental	865.69
Motor Vehicle	7,154.19
Water	3,608.54
State and County Aid to Highways	14,458.95
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	26,087.37

Overestimates:

State Parks Tax	55.95
Premium on Sale Water Notes	4.00
Sale of Real Estate	250.00
Surplus Revenue	72,795.64

Total Assets

\$160,985.22

Total Liabilities and Reserves

\$160,985.22

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$79,000.00	Water Main Loan, Chestnut and Prospect Sts.	\$21,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Elm Street	10,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Plain Road	48,000.00
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	\$79,000.00		\$79,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$15,530.02	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$14,676.84
		Firemen's Relief Fund	77.89
		General Care Fund—Main St. Cemetery	10.00
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
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	\$15,530.02		\$15,530.02

GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI,

Town Accountant.

Appropriation Table

	1955 Appropriation	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance to Revenue or Forward
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salary	900.00		900.00	753.26	\$146.74
Selectmen's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00		150.00	118.26	31.74
Accountant's Salary	1,475.00		1,475.00	1,475.00	
Accountant's Expense	125.00		125.00	113.44	11.56
Treasurer's Salary	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00	
Treasurer's Expense	475.00		475.00	458.55	16.45
Collector's Salary	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Collector's Expense	650.00		650.00	649.95	.05
Assessors' Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Assessors' Expense	400.00		400.00	331.52	68.48
Attorney's Fees	200.00		200.00	50.00	150.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00		350.00	325.83	24.17
Election and Registration	875.00		875.00	861.00	14.00
Elector's Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,872.26	127.74

Police	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00	2,152.17	47.83
Fire	3,000.00	332.96	3,332.96	3,332.96	
Tree Work	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,583.14	16.86
Moth Work	1,000.00		1,000	975.30	24.70
Sealer of Weights & Measures' Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures' Expense	100.00		100.00	94.00	6.00
Public Health	1,000.00		1,000.00	655.04	344.96
School Physician	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Insp. of Animals and Slaughter	360.00		360.00	360.00	
Insp. Pre-School Children	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00		
Dental Clinic	450.00		450.00	279.00	75.00
Well Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	130.00	70.00
Visiting Nurse	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Highway General	6,250.00		6,250.00	6,141.77	
Highway Chap. 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	22,246.06	108.23
Highway Chap. 90 Maintenance	3,900.00		3,900.00	3,898.77	3.94
Highway Chap 90 N. C.	5,388.35		5,388.35	5,206.58	1.23
Highway Chap. 90 N. C.	18,133.95		18,133.95	17,514.56	181.77
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	619.39
Purchase Small Roller	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Street Lights	4,250.00	14.00	4,264.00	4,264.00	
Bridge Repairs	817.58		817.58	323.60	493.98
Repairs to Brook Hollow Bridge	1,500.00	300.00	1,800.00	1,664.15	135.85
Dike Repairs	200.00	68.80	268.80	155.76	113.04
Fences	200.00		200.00	173.44	26.56

Elm St. Sewer and Septic Tanks	12,898.21	3,000.00	15,898.21	15,394.54	503.67
Public Welfare	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,729.26	1,270.74
Disability Assistance—Town	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,123.15	376.85
Disability Assistance—Federal	1,643.69		1,643.69	1,614.49	29.20
Disability Assistance—Fed. Adm.	81.31		81.31	74.10	7.21
Aid to Dependent Children	3,000.00		3,000	632.59	2,367.41
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal	1,613.39		1,613.39	1,521.19	92.20
Aid to Dependent Children—Fed. Adm.	82.82		82.82		
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00		14,000.00	13,780.04	219.96
Old Age Assistance—Federal	7,701.38		7,701.38	7,304.00	397.38
Old Age Assistance—Fed. Adm.	443.24		443.24	386.55	56.69
Veterans' Benefits	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,190.71	9.29
School Comm. Exp.	200.00		200.00	26.10	173.90
Schools	99,319.00		99,319.00	98,462.61	856.39
Schools—Geo. Barden	1,187.48		1,187.48	946.36	241.12
School Athletic Fund	2,379.64		2,379.64	1,565.68	813.96
Exp. of School Bldg. Committee	4,000.00		4,000.00	12.00	3,988.00
School Lunch Coll.	12,624.59		12,624.59	9,771.71	2,852.88
School Lunch C. D. F.	5,308.66		5,308.66	5,308.66	
Vocational School Tuition and Trans.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,301.10	198.90
Library	3,268.66		3,268.66	3,268.16	.50
Repairs to Library Basement	300.00		300.00	286.00	14.00
Build New Room at Library	7,922.57		7,922.57		7,922.57
Binding Town Records	50.00		50.00		50.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00	240.00	290.00	290.00	
Civil Defense	875.95		875.95	300.00	575.95

Insurance	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,938.56	561.44
Purchase Land Adjoining Sunset Ave.	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Ed. Majeskey—Salary	260.00	260.00	260.00	
Memorial Day	350.00	350.00	337.20	12.80
Print and Deliver Town Reports	600.00	600.00	586.60	13.40
Recreation Program	700.00	700.00	700.00	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,739.13	2,260.87
Retirement	1,604.65	1,604.65	1,604.65	
Telephone	250.00	250.00	207.65	42.35
Unclassified	100.00	100.00	79.00	21.00
Unpaid Bills	2,150.05	2,150.05	2,150.05	
Water Comm. Salaries	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Water Dept.	7,500.00	7,500	7,169.46	330.54
Water Dept.—Elm St.	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,963.16	36.84
Purchase and Install Chlorinator	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,027.10	972.90
Improve Watershed	895.88	895.88	893.35	2.53
Purchase or Take Land Within Watershed	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Cemeteries	900.00	389.96	1,263.63	26.33
Purchase Land from Karen Est.	1,000.00	1,289.96	1,000.00	1,000.00
Land Purchase—North Hatfield Cemetery	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Interest on Water Main Loan	1,600.00	1,600	1,427.50	172.50
Water Main Loan	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
	<u>340,971.05</u>	<u>\$4,545.72</u>	<u>\$310,913.23</u>	<u>\$34,603.54</u>

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Zygmunt Jaworski, Secretary	Term Expires 1956
Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Eugene F. Proulx	Term Expires 1958

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the first Monday of each month
at the High School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

School Office:

High School Building

Telephone: 2361

Home Address:

Elm Street

Hatfield

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert C. Byrne

46 Main Street

Telephone 2661

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R.N.

19 Prospect Street

Telephone 3553

WORK CERTIFICATES

Raymond Jenness

School Street

Office telephone 3551

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Your school committee herewith submits its annual report for the year 1955. The committee held twelve regular meetings and five special meetings during the year. The committee has continued to strive for improvement in the school system of Hatfield by providing competent instructors, sound curricula, and educationally sound materials for use in the classrooms.

Personnel

Many changes and additions in school personnel have been made this year.

1. Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr., was elected superintendent of schools and principal of Smith Academy.

2. Mrs. Moira Callahan was elected to teach one class of the third grade.

3. Mrs. Frances Celatka was elected to teach grade five.

4. Mrs. Eric Lampard was elected as art supervisor.

5. Mrs. Norma Gates was elected to teach one class of grade four.

6. Mr. John Skarzynski was appointed assistant principal of Smith Academy and Driver Education instructor.

Curriculum

In keeping with the desires of the community to offer its pupils every educational advantage possible, the committee approved the inclusion of Driver Education in the Smith Academy curriculum. The course is very worthwhile in that it offers both classroom and on-the-road education in the proper and courteous use of the automobile. Statistics have proven over the years that pupils satisfactorily completing this course are more competent drivers than those not having taken the course. Insurance companies recognize this fact by offering reduced premium rates for compulsory auto insurance. It is the desire of this committee to continue the course in future years.

A second curriculum improvement was approved by the committee for the eighth grade pupils. Mrs. Spakowski is now teaching a one-period-a-week course to eighth grade boys and girls. The course for girls emphasizes homemaking, cooking, and personal care, while that for boys emphasizes clothing, nutrition, and personal care.

Repairs and Equipment

The committee approved the reconditioning, renewing, and purchase of new fire fighting equipment for the schools after Fire Chief Michael Yarrows thoroughly checked the existing equipment and made recommendations.

The vocational agriculture classroom in the School Street building was nearly completed during the past year. The work done under Mr. Feiker's direction has proved very satisfactory. The classroom is now neat and attractive and was done at very little cost to the community.

Reimbursements

During the past year the following amounts of money were received as reimbursement from the Commonwealth to conduct the local schools:

General School Fund (Chapter 70)	\$18,950.00
Transportation (Chapter 71)	4,506.00
Vocational Agriculture (High School)	2,377.94
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Total Reimbursement (against School Budget)	\$25,833.94
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	\$ 985.13

Although school appropriations from taxation had to cover the entire anticipated expenses of operating your schools, the net cost to the community may be arrived at by the following:

1955 Appropriation for Support	\$99,319.00
Less Returned to Surplus Cash	856.39
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Actual Expenditure	\$98,462.61
Less Reimbursement (against School Budget)	25,833.94
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Total Cost to Town (net)	\$72,628.67

As Vocational School Tuition and Transportation is a separate Town appropriation and not a part of the regular school budget, net costs of this item to the Town may be determined as follows:

1955 Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Less Returned to Surplus Cash	198.90
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Actual Expenditure	\$2,301.10
Less Reimbursement	
(Vocational Tuition & Transportation)	985.13
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Total Cost to Town (net)	\$1,315.97

Enrollment and Facilities

This school year found an additional six pupils enrolled in grades 1 - 8 as of October 1. Two fewer high school pupils were enrolled on the same date. Although figures for this year do not seem impressive in regard to increased enrollment, the committee does wish to call the reader's attention to the predicted enrollment chart appearing on a later page. As early as 1952 your school committee pointed out the inadequacy of the then existing school buildings to meet future enrollment needs. Since 1952 school enrollment has increased by fifty-two pupils. Using the October 1 predicted enrollment figures, the next five years will find an additional enrollment of forty pupils over the 1955 enrollment or a total increase of ninety-two pupils over 1952, a period of eight years. The herein noted predictions are conservative. During the past years it has been the experience of the committee that more pupils enroll in grade one than the town has registered births six years previously.

Your committee has exhausted the areas that meet the standards of the Massachusetts State Building Inspector for approved classrooms. We are at present housing pupils in areas which have only temporary approval and have through necessity had to curtail educational opportunities in the elementary school by appropriating a library as a classroom. Conditions in our schools can only deteriorate if enrollments continue to increase as forecast and if something is not done by the community to provide additional classrooms. All the children of the community will feel the effects of a deteriorated educational system.

It is the deep concern of this committee that unless the recommendations formulated by the Building Committee are accepted by the voters of Hatfield that adequate and satisfactory housing for the entering classes will not be available.

The recommendations of the School Building Committee are based on a long study of the problem facing the community. The proposals should fulfill the need of additional elementary classrooms for some years to come.

Acknowledgments

The committee wishes to publicly acknowledge its appreciation to Mr. John Jakobek for his many years of fine service to the community. The committee also joins in extending the community's sincere best wishes to Mrs. Mary Donelson and to Mrs. Anna Mullins in their years of retirement and wish to express their appreciation for the many years of fine service rendered to the pupils and the community by these gracious and capable ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD KOWALSKI

ZYGMUNT JAWORSKI

EUGENE PROULX

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Hatfield:

I herewith submit my first annual report as superintendent of schools of Hatfield.

First, may I say it is a pleasure to be associated with the Town of Hatfield and with its school system. It will be my aim and purpose to serve both to the best of my ability and to conduct a school system in which all can be proud.

The greatest asset any community possesses is its children and in order to serve the youth it becomes the duty of the citizenry to offer every opportunity possible for its youth by maintaining a school system which affords every advantage educational methods and materials can make possible.

Upon assuming my duties I found a system which was functioning very well. Details were taken care of by the previous administration and all was in order.

Previous to September the committee had discussed the possibility of offering a Driver Education Course. During September the committee approved the course and incorporated it into the curriculum of the high school. The inclusion of this course was the largest single curriculum improvement of the school year.

Driver Education has as its main objective the training of youth for safe and courteous use of our public highways. A secondary but an immediate return to parents is realized by being able to purchase compulsory au-

tomobile insurance at reduced rates upon the successful completion of the course by the pupil. This reduction is maintained until the pupil attains the age of twenty-five.

At present Smith's Agricultural School, of Northampton, has graciously consented to the use of their Driver Education car. Sufficient time has been allotted to Smith Academy in which to complete its "on the road" training schedule of six hours per pupil.

Mr. John Skarzynski is the Driver Education instructor and at present has twenty-two pupils in the course. The number of pupils and conflicting schedules makes it necessary to have two classroom sections for the course.

The second curriculum improvement involves the eighth grade. On a part-time basis we are now offering to the boys a personal guidance program with emphasis on clothing, nutrition and personal care. The girls are offered a home economics type program emphasizing home care, cooking, personal care, etc.

The elementary report cards this school year are a departure from past reports and are in a test period. It is felt, in view of educational objectives, that these report cards are serving their purpose, that of reporting at regular intervals to parents on the progress which their child is making in school. Suggestions from parents in regard to the report cards will receive sincere consideration. Parents are urged to have conferences with their child's teacher whenever possible. In order that the time of teachers and parents may be most effectively used, parents are requested to make appointments for conferences in advance.

During this past September all of the fire fighting equipment of the school system was thoroughly checked. Fire Chief Michael Yarrows inspected each piece of equip-

ment and made recommendations which were followed by the committee. All soda acid type extinguishers were emptied and recharged. Two 50-foot lengths of fire hose in the Center School were replaced, the old hose being badly deteriorated. Two 5-pound carbon dioxide extinguishers were purchased for installation in Smith Academy, one for the chemistry laboratory and one for the Home Economics room. One new water type extinguisher using a carbon dioxide cartridge for pressure was purchased for the vocational agriculture shop. These improvements have made your schools a safer place to be in and serve also to protect the townspeople's investment in their public buildings.

With increased enrollments from certain sections of the town it was found necessary to provide additional transportation. The Elm Street section now is served by two trips each morning and afternoon rather than one. Overloading of school buses presents both legal and safety problems which could only be solved through additional service.

In compliance with State laws relating to children physically unable to attend school, home instruction is being given to two of our less fortunate children. This program is supervised by Mr. Jenness and has proven to be very effective. Mrs. Mary Lou (Charles) Belden was retained as the instructor.

As in previous years released time for religious instruction is again offered. The following times are set aside each week so that pupils may benefit from religious instruction in denominations of their own choosing:

Wednesdays	10:45 - 11:30	High School Pupils
Wednesdays	1:00 - 1:50	Pupils of grades 3, 4, 5
Wednesdays	1:55 - 2:45	Pupils of grades 6, 7, 8

The entrance age of children to first grade is the same as announced in the 1954 school committee report.

A child must be six years old by January 1 of the school year in which entrance is sought.

Some additional teaching aids were purchased during December; namely, maps, globes, and encyclopedias. We now have graded maps and globes for classroom use from grade four to eight. Grade four maps and globes are simplified for beginners and as the pupil progresses through grade eight additional material and explanations are provided so that the pupil by the end of grade eight should have acquired an excellent knowledge of the use and meanings of these materials.

Two additional sets of encyclopedias were purchased for the intermediate grades five through eight. Up-to-date reference material is now available to pupils of these grades. It is my hope that additional reference material will be purchased during the ensuing year.

I have found the present staff of the Hatfield school system to be very capable and congenial people. The staff through their cooperative effort, professional attitudes and ability are rendering excellent educational services to the pupils and the community. It has, indeed, been a pleasure for me to work with them during the past four months.

After viewing the projected enrollment figures for the coming years, I am sure that the members of this community will heartily agree with me that we are facing a pressing need for additional classrooms and facilities in order to properly house these pupils. The projected enrollment represents pupils that must be housed in the school system. They are not imaginary persons, they have been born and will enter into the public schools of Hatfield during the ensuing years. You are urged to favorably consider the proposals of your School Building Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1955

Regular Day School

Regular Day School

Appropriation for Support	\$99,319.00	
Unexpended Balance—		
Returned to Surplus Cash	856.39	
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Total Expenditures		\$98,462.61

Credits: Reimbursements Received

General School Fund (Chap. 70)	\$18,950.00	
Transportation (Chap. 71)	4,506.00	
Vocational Agriculture		
(High School)	2,377.94	
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Total Reimbursement for		
Regular Day School		\$25,833.94

Vocational Tuition and Transportation

Vocational Tuition and Transportation

Appropriation for Support	\$ 2,500.00	
Unexpended Balance—		
Returned to Surplus Cash	198.00	
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Total Expenditures		\$ 2,301.10

Credits: Reimbursements Received

Vocational Tuition	\$ 702.73	
Vocational School Pupil Trans.	282.40	
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Total Reimbursements for		
Vocational Tuition and Trans.		\$ 985.13

ESTIMATES OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE TOWN OF HATFIELD ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1956

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Regular Day Schools

Chapter 70 \$18,000.00

Chapter 71 4,500.00

Vocational Agriculture 2,500.00

Total Estimated Reimbursements

Regular Day Schools \$25,000.00

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Vocational Tuition and Trans. 800.00

Total Estimated Reimbursement

All Education \$25,800.00

SCHOOL BUDGET OF 1956

1955 Approp.	1955 Expended	Classification	1956 Approp.
Salaries			
\$39,203.00	\$38,335.09	Elementary	\$ 42,500.00
25,185.00	25,271.84	Secondary	26,405.00
2,325.00	2,474.92	Music, Art, Penman- ship	2,850.00
4,300.00	3,631.34	Vocational	4,300.00
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\$71,013.00	\$69,713.19		\$ 76,055.00

Textbooks and Supplies

\$ 3,000.00	\$3,894.18	Elementary	\$ 3,000.00
1,000.00	1,752.83	Secondary	1,000.00
250.00	272.55	Vocational, High School	250.00
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\$ 4,250.00	\$ 5,919.56		\$ 4,250.00

Custodians' Salaries

\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,810.80	Elementary	\$ 2,900.00
2,600.00	2,609.92	Secondary	2,700.00
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\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,420.72		\$ 5,600.00

Fuel

\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,244.36	Elementary	\$ 1,900.00
900.00	895.50	Secondary	900.00
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\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,139.86		\$ 2,800.00

Miscellaneous Operational**Light, Janitorial Supplies)**

\$ 1,000.00	\$ 846.43	Elementary	\$ 1,000.00
400.00	520.87	Secondary	400.00
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\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,367.30		\$ 1,400.00

Plant Maintenance

\$ 700.00	\$ 400.42	Center School	\$ 700.00
300.00	85.45	School Street School	100.00
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\$ 1,000.00	\$ 485.87		\$ 800.00

School Health

\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	Salary	\$ 1,500.00
150.00	48.58	Supplies (expense)	100.00
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\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,448.58		\$ 1,600.00

Transportation

\$ 6,426.00	\$ 6,486.25	Regular	\$ 7,000.00
500.00	92.23	Other	500.00
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\$ 6,926.00	\$ 6,578.58		\$ 7,500.00

Physical Education

\$ 200.00	\$ 107.55	Towels	\$ 200.00
150.00	14.00	Supplies	75.00
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\$ 350.00	\$ 121.55		\$ 275.00

Miscellaneous

\$ 500.00	\$ 498.25	Education of Crip- pled Children	\$ 1,100.00
420.00	412.30	Athletic Insurance	420.00
40.00	109.83	General Insurance	140.00
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\$ 960.00	\$ 1,020.38		\$ 1,660.00

Vo-Ag Power

\$ 70.00	\$ 40.50		\$ 70.00
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Administration

\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,899.96	Supt.'s Salary	\$ 2,100.00
200.00	111.49	Expenses	200.00
350.00	346.93	Postage, Tel., Office	
		Supplies	400.00
200.00	273.75	Clerk	400.00
50.00	50.00	Census	50.00
200.00	200.00	Work Certificates	200.00
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\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,882.13		\$ 3,350.00

New Equipment

\$ 750.00	\$ 206.82		\$ 750.00
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Graduations

\$ 150.00	\$ 117.57		\$ 150.00
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\$99,319.00	\$98,462.61	TOTAL	\$106,260.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955 - 1956

- Sept. 6 Tuesday—Staff meeting, 10:00 A.M., High School Auditorium.
- Sept. 7 Wednesday—Schools open with full sessions.
- Oct. 7 Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention.
- Oct. 12 Wednesday—Schools closed—Columbus Day.
- Nov. 11 Friday—Schools closed—Veteran's Day.
- Nov. 23 Wednesday—Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving holidays.
- Nov. 28 Monday—Schools open.
- Dec. 22 Thursday—Schools closed for Christmas holidays.

1956

- Jan. 3 Tuesday—Schools open.
- Feb. 20 Monday—Schools closed—beginning of winter vacation.
- Feb. 27 Monday—Schools open.
- March 30 Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday.
- April 16 Monday—Schools closed—beginning of spring vacation.
- April 23 Monday—Schools open.
Sunday—Memorial Day Exercises—Bus to be provided.
- May 30 Wednesday—Schools closed—Memorial Day.
- June 15 Friday—Elementary School Graduation. Cafeteria closes.

June 19 Tuesday—High School Graduation.

Elementary School Days—178

High School Days—180

Approved by the Committee July 11, 1955

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Center School Enrollment — October 1, 1955

	Grade							
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21
1953	54	44	29	38	31	35	25	21
1954	38	54	42	32	38	34	38	26
1955	49	33	51	41	29	37	32	36

Comparative Totals for the Center School

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Total Pupils	243	233	234	256	277	302	308

Smith Academy Enrollment by Classes

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Totals
1952	18	25	21	20	84
1953	20	16	26	19	81
1954	21	20	16	23	80
1955	24	21	18	15	78

Totals for Hatfield Schools

Year	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Totals	317	311	322	340	358	382	386

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1955

	Boys	Girls	Total
From age 5 to 7	39	51	90
From age 7 to 16	168	151	319
	<hr/> 207	<hr/> 202	<hr/> 409

Comparative Totals for Seven-Year Period

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
From age 5 to 7	81	62	68	88	115	109	90
From age 7 to 16	257	255	259	266	259	291	319
	<hr/> 338	<hr/> 317	<hr/> 327	<hr/> 354	<hr/> 374	<hr/> 400	<hr/> 409

PRECIDET ENROLLMENT CHART - OCTOBER 1, 1955

(Only children residing in Town accounted for)

	GRADE												Total	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Grades 1 — 8	Grades 9 — 12
1956	41	50	33	52	40	28	38	32	36	23	21	17	314	97
1957	51	41	50	33	52	40	28	38	32	36	23	21	333	112
1958	42	51	41	50	33	52	40	28	38	32	36	23	337	129
1959	40	42	51	41	50	33	52	40	22	38	32	36	349	134
1960	39	40	42	51	41	50	33	52	40	28	38	32	348	138
1961	*46	39	40	42	51	41	50	33	52	40	28	38	**342	158

*December 31, 1955 census to date—births registered in Hatfield for the year.

**Includes *

Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent of School and the School Committee of Hatfield:

For the last two years we have been reporting study on report cards. The first phase of the study is over, and we have issued new cards to your children this fall. The follow up will be a continuous endeavor to improve on what we have.

The card issued children in grades one through three is an excellent means of reporting the child's growth. This is particularly true in the reading field for the mark is not so much a teacher's evaluation of the child's ability but an actual report on the grade level at which the child is reading.

The card used for upper grades tries to report the reasons for the marks received by the child in each subject. This is not as complete a manner of grading as used in the lower grades, but the subject matter here cannot be arranged as well at this level. The initial building processes are over and value must be given to more than mechanical performance.

We have returned to the A. B. C. form of scholarship on this card. This should please most parents for it is the form of marking for which you have asked.

Previous reports have described trips taken by grades six and eight to Boston and New York. We believe the values in social and human relationships gained by meeting people in all walks of life, plus visiting people in sur-

roundings other than those we see each day, to be of great benefit. A new set of experiences was added to the New York trip this year. Mr. and Mrs. George Zgrodnik generously added one hundred dollars to the fund that the students might divide the trip into two days and spend a night in New York. Miss Kempisty and Mrs. Breor again handled all phases of both trips. The extended New York trip of last year pointed up the fact that while our pupils exhibited the very best of behavior enroute, a guidance program would be of benefit to them. Mrs Spakowski has begun such a program with the eighth grade, meeting with boys and girls separately. Her intent is to have twenty meetings with each group covering such personal and social relationships as good grooming, clothes, first aid and good manners.

The present day emphasis on the guidance role of the school plus better understanding by teachers of evaluation techniques have resulted in a greater use of standardized tests. A full program of achievement, grade placement; and aptitude tests has been worked out for your schools and is being administered on schedule.

Standard tests are not perfect, and teachers who use them are keenly aware of this. The greatest value from such tests has been in the recognition of individual differences in achievement and in general ability.

Our trips this year will again be financed from proceeds gained by our magazine subscription drive. The townspeople have been most kind with their support and the School Committee understanding in allowing us to carry out these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND N. JENNESS

Principal, Center School

CENTER ELEMENTARY GRADUATION — 1955

 Program

A Good Thought	Mary Ryan
Welcome	George Poirier
Our Early School Years	Catherine Pickett
Our Eighth Grade Year	Louise Zembiski
Our Future	Judy Mullany
Presentation of Class Gift	Sally Kubosiak
Selection from Cantata	
Childhood of Hiawatha	Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
Presentation of Library Awards	Mrs. Theresa Godin
Presentation of Scholastic	
Awards	Principal Raymond Jenness
Presentation of	
Diplomas	Superintendent John Jakobek
Class Song	Class of '55
Star Spangled Banner	All

Graduates

Beattie, Joan	Pickett, Catherine
Buckman, Lester	Poirier, George
Dorsch, Henry	Punska, David
Karakula, John	Ryan, Mary
Kempisty, Sandra	Slysz, William
Kubosiak, Sally	Start, Shirley
Kuchyt, Arlene	Stefancik, Sylvia
Maslanka, Mitchel	Wilkes, Bernard
Mullany, Judith	Yarrows, Basil
Pelc, Peter	Zack, Roberta
Pelis, Walter	Zembiski, Louise
Pfeiffer, Dorothy	Zgrodnik, George

The School Building Committee

The School Building Committee was established February 21, 1955, as a result of the study and recommendations of the School Building Needs Committee which was established February 15, 1954. The School Building Needs Committee drew from its studies the following opinions and recommendations:

1. This committee goes on record as favoring immediate action to relieve the future housing needs for the children of Hatfield.
2. That an absolute minimum of five additional classrooms will be necessary by 1959 to adequately house the classes at that time.
3. That the Annual Town Meeting accept the recommendations of this committee. The School Building Committee held eleven regular meetings during the past year as well as numerous conferences and inquiries in pursuit of its objective.

On April 18, 1955, the Committee held its organizational meeting and elected Mr. John Osley, Jr., as chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Boyle, Secretary. At this meeting the objective of the committee was defined as follows: To formulate building plans in view of needed educational facilities in keeping with the best interests of the pupils and the community.

One of the first actions of the committee was to acquaint the members with the facilities of the school system as it exists. The Center School building and site were inspected to determine how these facilities could fit into the over-all educational needs.

The committee investigated the regional school plan. In its May 5 Meeting, Mr. George Bell, Chairman of the Regional School District Planning Board of Deerfield met with the Committee and explained in detail the Regional School District plan.

On May 21 members of the Building Committee met with Mr. William Black, School Plant Specialist of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, at Boston to discuss aid which the Commission would provide and to discuss the first of two sets of Educational Specifications which the Hatfield committee submitted to the Commission.

Mr. John Marshall, Administrator of the M. S. B. A. C., visited the community to view possible building sites which would receive approval from the Commission. Of the sites view only one would meet with approval. That site will be recommended by the committee.

Mrs. Eva Shea was approached as to her willingness to sell her property adjoining the south end of the present Center School. Mrs. Shea indicated to the committee that she would sell and on this basis three separate appraisals of her property were made.

Mr. Giles Kellogg and Mrs. Mary Robinson were also approached by the committee to see if additional site could be purchased from them. It was agreed that if the committee needed this additional land to meet the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commissions specifications for increased site area that it would be available to the community.

Before formulating the second set of Educational Specifications, the committee spent November 18 visiting newer elementary schools in the area. Four schools were visited: one at Williamsburg, one at Northampton, two at

Greenfield. The committee was cordially received at each school and gained much valuable information from the visits.

The educational specifications call for a six-classroom, grades one through three, addition to the present Center School. Other facilities included are a multi-purpose room to serve as a gymnasium, visual aids and auditorium area; this room also includes a stage. Locker rooms for boys and girls. A teachers' room for guidance and conference use. An athletic equipment storage room. A cafeteria and kitchen for the lunch program. A stage properties and chair storage area is also included.

During the latter half of December the committee interviewed architects and after reviewing the qualifications of each chose Mr. James A. Britton, A.I.A., of Greenfield, to serve as architect for the committee and to prepare preliminary plans.

Mr. Britton has begun the preliminary planning of the addition and should, within a short time, have specific building proposals to make to the committee. The proposals of the architect include room arrangement, general design, cost estimates, etc. All proposals of the architect will be subject to the approval of your committee and the M. S. B. A. C.. If financial assistance from the Commonwealth is desired, no building plan can be submitted until this approval is forthcoming.

In a letter dated November 18, 1954, Mr John Marshall pointed out that as of that date the town could receive 27.62 per cent reimbursement from the M. S. B. A. C. on new construction if the specifications and plans meet with the Commission's approval. The Building Committee wishes to point out that, by law, no reimbursement can be paid by the Commission for repairs or alterations to existing facilities nor for acquisition of site.

It is with the best interests for the educational welfare of the pupils of this community and the townspeople that your committee is dedicated.

Your committee does not intend to make proposals in haste nor without knowing all of the facts available to it. The committee is still working to bring all of the details of its work into their correct relationship. The closing of the year 1955 finds the committee desirous of an extension of time to complete its work properly.

The committee wishes to express its appreciation to the various town and state officials and to all other persons who have given freely of their time and knowledge in assisting the committee in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN OSLEY, JR., Chairman
DOROTHY G. BOYLE, Secretary
MRS. JOHN BURDA
GEORGE ZGRODNIK
THADDEUS KABOT
L. A. BELDEN
BERNARD DONNIS

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1955-1956**Superintendent of Schools**

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

Smith Academy

John Skarzynski, Assistant Principal: Algebra I and II,
Plane Geometry, Solid and Trigonometry, Physics,
Driver Education

George Feiker: Agriculture

Florence Muller: French I, II, & III, Latin I & II, World
History

Margaret Pruzynski: Typing I & II, Shorthand I & II,
Bookkeeping, Secretarial Practice

Mary E. Ryan: English

Mary Spakowski: Home Economics, Biology, General
Math, Home and Family

John F. Symanczyk: General Science, United States
History, Problems of Democracy, Physical Education

Center School

Raymond N. Jenness, Principal: General Science, Grades
6, 7 and 8

Dorothy Breor: Grade 8, English, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Sarah Kiley: Grade 7, History and Geography, Grades
6, 7 and 8

Jean Kempisty: Grade 6, Arithmetic, Grades 6, 7 and 8

Frances Celatka: Grade 5

Hilda Fortsch: Grade 4

Norma Gates: Grade 4

Jane Blauvelt: Grade 3

Moir Callahan: Grade 3

Martha Boyle: Grade 2

Helen Kostek: Grade 1

Lena Fitzgerald: Grade 1

Supervisors

Music—Maude E. Boyle
 Art—Mrs. Eric Lampard
 Penmanship—William J. Rinehart Co.

Custodians

Elementary—Chester Celatka
 High School—Stanley Piankowski

Transporter

Henry Labbee Bus Co.

School Lunch Workers

Anna Mullins
 Irene Labbee
 Hazel Roberts
 Susan Zima
 Christine O'Dea

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Hatfield:

The protection of the health of children in the schools is a cooperative responsibility of the parent and the departments of Health and Education.

The parents play an important role on the school health team. It is only through their understanding and cooperation that the needs of their child can be met and a successful program brought about. In planning for the care of their child, they must provide for physical appraisal at regular intervals, not only during acute illness. The parents must be ready to recognize and be willing to seek correction of physical defects that may be discovered. Parents must also provide for the maintenance of good habits of rest, nutrition, cleanliness and for the emotional guidance that will guarantee and minimize frustrations and tensions. The parents should always be aware of any signs of illness of their child and exclude him from school so that others will not be exposed.

The school accepts the responsibility for providing a safe and healthful environment for learning and teaching healthful living as a part of the total education of the student. The responsibilities of the school nurse include: provision of emergency care, health guidance to individual students and their parents, assistance at physical examinations and the interpretation of the findings and carrying out diagnostic proceedings such as vision and hearing testing.

The health department is in turn obligated to protect the health of its school age citizens. It is concerned with the preventative measures for communicable disease control by sponsoring Immunization clinics for the pre-school as well as the school child. The health department provides funds for the Dental and Well Child clinics.

The following activities were carried on by your school nurse during the year 1955:

Emergency first aid was provided for all minor injuries

An immunization clinic was held in the spring. Nine children received the series of injections of the triple antigen, while 248 children received the Booster injection.

A dental clinic was held in the spring under the direction of Dr. Glade P. Hall, of Florence. A total of 173 operations were completed.

Physical examinations have been completed; special attention being given to those who participate in competitive athletics. Again this year parents of children of grades one and four were invited to be present during the examination of their child. Several parents availed themselves of the opportunity of discussing their child's health and habits with the physician. Defects that were found were reported to the parent through a home visit to those of the other grades.

The following is a summarized report on our Hearing program: Total number of students that were tested via the pure tone audiometer was 348. Of this unnumber 9 pupils failed the final individual test. Five of this number were seen by an ear specialist.

The following in a report on our vision testing program: Total number that were tested via the Massachu-

setts Vision Test was 378. There were 25 students who failed the retest. Of this number 21 were seen by an eye specialist and received correction.

Keeping in step with other communities within the State and Nation, the town of Hatfield has cooperated with the State Health Department in administering a Salk Vaccine clinic as a preventative measure against Polio. With parental permission, 70 pupils of grades one and two received one injection in May.

Four students were recommended and accepted to attend Camp Hodgkins for four weeks during the summer.

Registration for pre-school children was held in May. Forty-nine children were enrolled for entrance into first grade.

Communicable diseases reported during the year are as follows:

Chicken Pox	2
Measles	57
Polio—non paralytic	1

My sincere appreciation is extended to the school officials, physicians, teachers and parents for their understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R. N.

Visiting Nurse

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past eight years the services of the visiting nurse have become an integral part of the community. She is more than a Visiting Nurse, she is a Public Health Nurse, watching over the health of our community.

Due to the fact that the Visiting Nurse Association is receiving full financial aid from Town funds, no charge can be made for visits made to recipients of any type of welfare. Thus, at the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors it was voted to raise the fee of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per visit, beginning April 1. We were one of the few remaining communities of the State charging only \$1.00 per visit.

A Well Child Clinic was held in May. Dr. Fredericka Smith, Pediatrician was the examining physician. Forty three children were examined with only minor defects found. Mrs. Rose Schoonmaker of Amherst assisted as Nutritionist.

The total number of visits made by the Visiting Nurse, Mrs Lucille Godek, were 466. They are classified as follows:

Chronic Medical	267
Acute Medical	50
Maternity	17
Child Welfare	68
Tuberculosis Contacts	29
Surgical	35

466

Expenses and Receipts for 1955

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1955		\$566.90
Receipts,		
from visiting nurse	\$233.00	
from Town of Hatfield	1,000.00	
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Total receipts for 1955		\$1,789.90
Expenses		
Nurse's salary	\$1,300.00	
Mileage	125.70	
Telephone	109.35	
Social Security	26.00	
Bank charge for printing check book	3.42	
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Total expenses		\$1,564.47
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Balance as of Jan. 1, 1956		225.43

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL I. BYRNE,
Chairman, Nursing Advisory Committee

School Lunch

To the Superintendent and the School Committee of Hatfield:

In September, 1953, we announced 15 cents to be the price of our school lunch. At the time we expressed desire to maintain this price throughout the school year. It is still the price of your school lunch. However, due to increased costs of nearly all commodities and services plus expanding menus, our surplus is decreasing rapidly. It is possible that before the school year is over we will return to our former price of 20 cents per lunch.

A survey of surrounding towns finds the cost of school lunch to be 25 cents in most places. If costs continue to rise, this price may become effective here in September, 1956.

Some of our added expenditures this fall have been due to the wearing out of equipment. We have replaced or renewed two pieces, namely a slicing machine and a compressor for the deep freeze. The dish washer and large refrigerator will need major repairs in a short time.

In November, Mrs. Anna Mullins who has been on our staff for fifteen years retired. We were all sorry to see her go. Mrs. Hazel Roberts has become our supervisor and Mrs. Helen McGrath has again become a full-time worker in our organization.

The following information is submitted for examination:

Month	Days Lunch Served	Number of Lunches Served
January	21	6659
February	15	4750
March	23	7200
April	15	4591
May	21	6270
June	12	3382
September	18	5824
October	19	5888
November	18	5437
December	15	4251
Total	177	54252

A study of the number of lunches served during the year will lead one to believe our lunchroom crowded at the peak time of serving. This is true and with continued large entering classes it will become more so.

In keeping with the theme of "Educating the Whole Child," a revised method of procedure has been in effect in our lunchroom. The major factors are the work of hosts and hostesses but the equal sharing of responsibility by every student is the real goal for which we aim.

RAYMOND N. JENNESS,

Director, Hatfield School Lunch

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1956

SELECTMEN

Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr., Chm.

Philip Z. Maiewski

John J. Fortsch

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mitchell W. Kempisty, Chm.

John W. Mullins, Jr.

Lewis G. Wendolowski

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chm.

Eugene F. Proulx

Henry F. Kulesza

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael Yanginski, Chm.

Rupert Harubin

Arthur Smith

William J. Sheehan

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Myron Sikorski

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

John Skarzynski

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas P. Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

Henry Donnis

Edward T. Kostek

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry Sliwoski

DOG OFFICER

Henry Sliwoski

CONSTABLES

Henry Sliwoski

James E. McGrath

Joseph S. Wilkes

Henry Kosakowski

Stanley J. Filipek

John Brennan

Peter Kubosiak

Mitchell Kempisty

POLICE OFFICERS

Francis Godin	Stanley Prucnal
Anthony Malinowski	Peter Backiel
Peter Malinowski	George Omasta
Stanley Malinowski	Simeon M. Bourdon
William Podmayer	Kenneth Carpenter

FIRE CHIEF

Arthur E. Smith

FIREFIGHTERS**Main Street Station**

Arthur Brassord, Asst. Chief	Henry Szych
Francis McGrath, Capt.	Frank Sikorski, Jr.
Raymond Balise, Lt.	John Besko, Jr.
Joseph Wendlowski	Francis Bryant
John Fortsch	Frank Kochan, Jr.
Alfred Proulx	John Pelis, Jr.
Francis Godin	Edward Skarpetowski
Bernard Pelis	Thomas Mullany
Bernard Shaw	William Boyle
Joseph Krawczyk	Marcus Boyle
Henry Kosakowski	Peter Kubosiak
John Gizienski	James Mullins
Edward Kempisty	Sid Carl
Frank Filipek	Kenneth Balise
Henry Skorupski	Frank Zawacki

North Hatfield

Charles Belden, Capt.	Clifford Belden, Jr.
Steve Duga, Lt.	Louis Kubilis
Philip Maiewski	Edward Wroblewski
Michael Omasta	Teddy Smiarowski
Herman Southard	Ralph Pickett

Richard Belden

**TOWN OF HATFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

Incorporated 1670

Area — 8900 Acres

Elevation — 132 feet at Main Street

Population 1955 Census — 2236

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Hampshire District

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.
Chesterfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Franklin and Hampshire District

Ralph C. Mahar
Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.

John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday the 18th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year: Moderator for three years; one Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for three years; Tax Collector for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for two years; one member of the Library Trustees for one year; Tree Warden for three years; Elector under the will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years and to bring their votes yes or no on questions as follow:

QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall Chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town?"

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$192.20 received from the dog fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer such sums of money as shall

be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,981.96 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the county commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended, and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00, for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00, the state and county share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state and county, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state and county share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the state's share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state's share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to

raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, the town's share, for new construction on Main Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to complete the reconstruction of the sidewalk on Elm Street, from the residence of Lewis Wendolowski in an easterly direction approximately 850 feet, to the residence of Katherine Fitzgerald, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 for the support of a Visiting Nurse, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Recreation Program, or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Dike Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Purchase of New Hose for the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the Purchase of a Fire-proof File for the Tax Collector's department, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125.00 for the Purchase of a Duplicating Machine for the Accounting department, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Purchase of Material for Curtains for the town hall auditorium, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the replacement or elimination of gutters on the Library building, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Civil Defense, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of eleven, including one member of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Board of Assessors, one member of the Finance Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, to study the school building needs for the town; this committee to report back to the town either at a special or annual town meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 and transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Land Purchase—North Hatfield Cemetery Account, said sums to be used to purchase approximately 1/7 acre of land, adjoining West Hatfield Cemetery, from Kenneth and Delorice Brown, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public places in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR.

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI

JOHN J. FORTSCH

Selectmen of Hatfield

Report of Finance Committee

Account	1956 Approp.	Amount Spent	1957 Requested	Recom- mended
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1957	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1957, 3 @ \$300.00	900.00	858.33	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	150.00	144.71	250.00	200.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary	1,475.00	1,475.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
6. Accountant's Expense	125.00	109.44	125.00	125.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1957	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	475.00	469.66	575.00	575.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1957	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
11. Assessors' Salaries, Jan. 1, 1957, 3 @ \$550.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	410.60	400.00	400.00
13. Attorney's Fees	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00

14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1957	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	350.00	350.00
16.	Election & Registration	875.00	875.00	875.00
17.	Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00	10.00
17.	Town Hall	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
19.	Police	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
20.	Fire Department	2,500.00	3,260.00	3,000.00
21.	Tree Work	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
22.	Moth Work	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
23.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Salary	200.00	250.00	200.00
24.	Sealer of Wts. & Meas. Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00
25.	Public Health	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
26.	School Physician	400.00	400.00	400.00
27.	Insp. of Animals & Slaughter	360.00	360.00	360.00
28.	Insp. Children, Immunization	200.00	250.00	250.00
29.	Insp. Childen, Tuberculosis	75.00	75.00	75.00
30.	Highway, General	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
31.	Highway, Chapter 81	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,500.00

32.	Highway, Chapter 81, from Surplus Revenue	13,750.00	20,261.42	13,750.00	13,750.00
33.	Highway, Chapter 90 Maint.	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00
34.	Highway, Chapter 90, from Surplus Revenue	2,600.00	3,076.11	2,600.00	2,600.00
35.	Machinery Operating	3,000.00	2,927.70	3,000.00	3,000.00
36.	Street Lights	4,300.00	4,326.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
37.	Public Welfare	4,000.00	2,482.89	3,000.00	3,000.00
38.	Disability Assistance	3,500.00	3,014.93	3,000.00	3,000.00
39.	Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00	957.69	2,000.00	1,000.00
40.	Old Age Assistance	16,500.00	16,610.10	18,000.00	17,000.00
41.	Veterans' Benefits	2,000.00	1,200.24	1,800.00	1,500.00
42.	School Committee Expense	200.00	38.61	500.00	300.00
43.	Schools	105,000.00	104,884.09	113,500.00	113,500.00
44.	Vocation School Tuition and Transportation	2,500.00	3,481.77	4,150.00	3,500.00
45.	Library	3,000.00	3,271.51	3,100.00	3,000.00
46.	Memorial Day	350.00	341.00	350.00	350.00
47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
48.	Print & Deliver Town Reports	600.00	444.00	600.00	600.00
49.	Telephone	250.00	242.68	275.00	275.00

50.	Unclassified	100.00	49.99	100.00	100.00
51.	Binding Town Records	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	4,000.00	3,721.17	5,000.00	5,000.00
53.	Reserve Fund				
	fr. Overlay Sur.	5,000.00			
	fr. Surplus Rev.	2,000.00			
54.	Water Com. Salaries, 1/1/'57	6,000.00	5,642.63	7,000.00	7,000.00
	fr. Water Av. Surpl.				
	Chairman	250.00			
	2 Members @	175.00			
55.	Water Department	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
	fr. Water Av. Sur.	4,500.00			
	Taxation	2,500.00			
56.	Cemeteries	7,000.00	8,881.07	13,700.00	7,000.00
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1957	900.00	1,316.09	900.00	900.00
	\$1.75 per hr.				
58.	Water Main Loans				
	fr. Water Av. Surplus	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

59. Interest, Water Loans
fr. Water Av. Surplus

1,351.50
500.00

1,351.50
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1,179.50
500.00

1,179.50
500.00

From Available Funds

\$238,871.50
33,701.50

\$234,188.18

\$260,634.50

\$249,324.50
39,629.50

\$205,170.00

\$209,695.00

GEORGE J. ZGRODNIK,
LUTHER A. BELDEN,
WILLIAM E. BOYLE,

Finance Committee.

Selectmen's Report

To Our Fellow Citizens:

We respectfully submit a report of the activities of the Board of Selectmen for the past year.

The filter beds on the Elm Street Sewage Disposal Plant which were authorized last year and not finished because of the early frost, have now been completed.

The resurfacing of Elm Street was completed. This contract was awarded to Osley Brothers Construction Co.

We have reconstructed the sidewalk on Elm Street from Dwight Street as far as the new construction of the road. Now we are planning to complete the sidewalk on Elm Street.

The North Street sewer and the sewer on Old Farms Road in Bradstreet have been extended.

An International truck, equipped with snow plow and other winter equipment, has been purchased from Graves Equipment Company, the lowest bidder, for \$4,975.00.

Due to the number of residents now using motor vehicles to get to and from work we feel that winter sanding of roads has become more or less a necessity. Therefore, more attention has been given to sanding icy roads.

A special town meeting was held to hear the report of the School Building Committee. The report shows many hours of work on the part of the Committee, but the project was voted down.

The following appointments have been made: Arthur Smith, Fire Chief; Henry Sliwoski, Custodian of the Town Hall; Myron Sikorski, Sealer of Weights and Measures; John Brennan, Civil Defense Director, and A. Cory Bardwell and Edward Kostek, Library Trustees.

Our Chapter 90 work for this year is to resurface the road toward Bradstreet.

The Town's allotment under Sec. 5A, Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, to be used as Town's share of Chapter 90 New Construction will be \$12,541.74. Our plan is to use part of that money to put a steel deck on Pine Bridge which should last for about fifty years.

We take this opportunity to thank all town officials and citizens for their advice and assistance in the conduct of Town affairs during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH WENDOLOWSKI, JR.,

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI,

JOHN J. FORTSCH,

Selectmen of Hatfield.

1956 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES IN THE TOWN OF HATFIELD

1.	Maple Street	\$ 184.00
2.	Elm Street	587.40
3.	Little Neponset Road	181.00
4.	Little Neponset Road Bridge	24.00
5.	Brook Hollow Road	83.00
6.	Lower Plain Road	10.00
7.	Great Neponset Road	351.00
8.	South Street	231.00
9.	Bridge Lane	28.00
10.	Main Street	2,126.70
11.	Cow Brook Road	196.00
12.	North Street	601.68
13.	School Street	991.90
14.	Prospect Street	1,511.77
15.	King Street	158.00
16.	Bashin Road	289.00
17.	Old Farms Path	188.00
18.	Upper Farms Path	94.00
19.	Bradstreet Depot Road	439.60
20.	Mountain Road	264.00
21.	Rocks Road	147.00
22.	Linseed Road	483.24
23.	Haydenville Road	128.33
24.	Chestnut Street	1,295.21
25.	Raymond Avenue	186.00
26.	Bridge Street	1,711.75
27.	Dwight Street	1,192.00
28.	Pantry Road	317.60
29.	North Hatfield Road	1,278.20
30.	Straits Road	209.00
31.	Cronin Hill Road	255.00
32.	Plain Road	94.00

33.	Gore Avenue	822.10
34.	Chestnut Mountain Road	96.00
35.	Porter Avenue	0.00
36.	Great Neponset Road — East BRANCH	9.60
37.	Great Pond Road	98.00
38.	Oak Avenue	0.00
39.	Reservoir Road	0.00
40.	Pine Bridge Extension Road	10.00
41.	Jerico Road	102.00
42.	Plain Road Extension	18.00
43.	Sunset Avenue	471.71
	Snow	2,796.63

Total	<u>\$20,261.42</u>
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ALLOTMENTS:

State	\$13,750.00
Town	7,500.00
Total	<u>\$21,250.00</u>

List of Jurors

1. Arthur W. Belden	Areo Mechanic
3. Richard D. Belden	Farmer
3. Frank J. Betsold	Carpenter
4. Arthur J. Brassord	Mechanic
5. Stephen Duga, Jr.	Carpenter
6. Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.	Plumber
7. Dorothy Englehardt	Housewife
8. Inza B. Hilyard	Housewife
9. Helen Hojnoski	Organist
10. Frank Jablonski, Jr.	Farmer
11. Zygmunt S. Jaworski	Restaurateur
12. Alice Kacinski	Housewife
13. Helen Kalentek	Housewife
14. Frank Kobylinski	Farmer
15. Edward P. Korza	Machinist
17. Michael M. Majeskey	Machinist
18. Doris C. Malinowski	Housewife
19. Robert J. McGrath, 2nd	Tobacco Worker
20. George Omasta	Farmer
21. John Osley, Jr.	Contractor
22. Joseph J. Pelc	Restaurateur
23. Ralph T. Pickett	Truck Driver
24. Alfred B. Proulx	Farmer
25. Teddy C. Smiarowski	Farmer
26. Doris Vollinger	Housewife

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1956

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	26	23	9
Female	21		10
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Total	47	23	19

Preceding Five Years

1955	45	33	17
1954	40	33	31
1953	43	17	23
1952	36	32	20
1951	58	29	29

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1956	189	371
1955	198	375
1954	149	369
1953	117	367
1952	171	407

Licenses:	Number	Amount
Junk	2	\$ 16.00
Auto Dealer	2	50.00
Sale of Firearms	2	2.00
Cabin	5	2.50
Slaughter	1	1.00
Milk & Oleo	15	7.00
Lord's Day	10	50.00
Common Victualler	11	51.00
Fruit & Vegetable	1	8.00
Gasoline	1	1.00
Sunday Entertainment	3	15.00
Gasoline Registration	10	5.00
Pedlar's License	1	1.00
Liquor Licenses	16	6,050.00
Second Hand Articles	1	25.00

ELECTIONS

Registered Voters, January 1, 1956.	1,232
Voted at Annual Town Meeting, February 20, 1956	725
Voted at Presidential Primaries, April 24, 1956	
Democratic — 74	Republican — 9
Voted at State Primaries, September 18, 1956	
Democratic — 125	Republican — 27
Voted at State & National Election, November 6, 1956	1,119

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 22, 1956

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Center Elementary School and originally equipping and furnishing said addition, and determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by

appropriation from available funds in the treasury and by borrowing under authority of Chapter 44, General Laws and Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 1. Motion: That the sum of \$411,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the Center Elementary School building, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated from available funds in the treasury and that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$110,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44, General Laws, and the sum of \$300,000.00 under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note. Vote by Australian Ballot:

Yes 120	No 379	Blks 1	Total Vote 500
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Article 2. To see if the town will vote to provide for the appointment of a School Building Committee, which committee shall be authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish the addition to the Center Elementary School, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. Voted to lay on table.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain from Eva Shea, for part of the site for the addition to the Center Elementary School building, her property on the

easterly side of Main Street, Hatfield, containing $2/3$ acre more or less with buildings thereon, and appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$19,500.00 for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. Voted to lay on table.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain from the present owners, for part of the site for the addition to the Center Elementary School building, property on the easterly side of Main Street, Hatfield, containing one acre more or less, situated in the rear of the Shea property and formerly belonging to George and Maria Eberlein, and appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$1,000.00 for this purpose, or act anything thereon.

Article 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Attest: PETER S. ROGALESKI,
Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In Account with the Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	\$ 86,475.31
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Receipts for 1956:

January	\$ 20,730.12
February	16,757.83
March	11,493.81
April	9,595.21
May	21,567.04
June	6,022.97
July	58,538.79
August	47,822.48
September	28,840.95
October	46,036.38
November	85,379.07
December	39,865.28
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	392,649.93
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	\$479,125.24
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Payments per Warrants:

January	\$ 10,726.87
February	18,610.43
March	22,112.94
April	21,708.76
May	23,536.64
June	24,427.83

July	37,330.55	
August	34,504.19	
September	26,542.77	
October	48,761.38	
November	30,672.45	
December	52,567.16	
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1956		127,623.27
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		\$479,125.24
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PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

	1956 Income	1956 Withdrawal	1956 Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$18.15	\$6.89	\$236.31
J. D. Brown	3.01	3.01	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	3.04	3.04	101.00
Charles H. Waite	4.13	4.13	137.49
Charles M. Billings	4.53	4.53	150.00
James Porter	3.29	3.29	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	3.33	3.33	110.82
Charles S. Shattuck	3.33	3.33	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	3.29	3.29	109.45
Reuben Belden	3.01	3.01	100.00
Theo Porter	3.19	3.19	106.18
Charles L. Graves	3.19	3.19	106.22
Augusta Beals	6.25	6.25	207.29
B. M. Warner	6.25	6.25	207.42
Henry Batcheller	3.04	3.04	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	3.04	3.04	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	6.04	6.04	200.67
David Wells	3.01	3.01	100.00
Otis Wells	4.53	4.53	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	3.01	3.01	100.00

Harriet S. Marsh	6.16	6.16	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	3.01	3.01	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	3.01	3.01	100.00
Roswell Billings	4.53	4.53	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	4.53	4.53	150.00
E. S. Warner	3.05	3.05	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.66	1.66	55.24
Caleb & Edgar Dickinson	6.04	6.04	200.00
E. C. Billings	17.17	17.17	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.83	2.83	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	7.02	7.02	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.83	2.83	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	11.86	11.86	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	7.73	7.73	279.57
Levi Graves	4.40	4.40	159.00
Jonathan Graves	2.87	2.87	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.82	2.82	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.85	2.85	103.14
Frery-Gardner	2.77	2.77	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	5.57	5.57	201.91
Samuel Field	4.15	4.15	150.53
Samuel Field	4.09	4.09	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	2.96	2.96	107.18
Daniel Allis	4.21	4.21	152.22
P. M. Wells	3.57	3.57	129.86
Benjamin Waite	2.51	2.51	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.83	2.83	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	3.57	3.57	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	3.01	3.01	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.85	2.85	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.82	2.82	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	3.07	3.07	111.44
Charles Hubbard	3.15	3.15	114.30
Luman M. Moore	5.54	5.54	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	8.88	8.88	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	11.11	11.11	401.90
Luther Wells	9.42	9.42	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.45	1.45	52.37
John H. Sanderson	2.90	2.90	105.44
Charles Smith	3.01	3.01	109.05
J. H. Howard	2.96	2.96	107.48

Conrad W. Wolfram	5.53	5.53	200.00
Henry R. Holden	5.53	5.53	200.00
Fannie Allis	5.53	5.53	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	4.15	4.15	150.00
N. T. Abels	5.53	5.53	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	4.15	4.15	150.00
Fred Schepp	2.08	2.08	75.00
Joseph Schepp	2.08	2.08	75.00
General Care Fund	21.18	21.18	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	\$4.15	4.15	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	4.15	4.15	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	4.15	4.15	150.00
Charles Wight	2.77	2.77	100.00
General Care Fund	.28	.28	10.00
Stephen Omasta	4.15	4.15	150.00
C. Raymond Billings	5.53	5.53	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	4.15	4.15	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.77	2.77	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.77	2.77	100.00
Herman Harris	2.77	2.77	100.00
Harold J. Morse	4.15	4.15	150.00
John W. Darr	2.77	2.77	100.00
Adam Englehardt	6.92	6.02	250.00
Connie Liebl	4.84	4.84	175.00
George Marsh	5.53	5.53	200.00
R. M. Woods	5.53	5.53	200.00
Arthur Hodder	5.53	5.53	200.00
John Ondras & George Fusek	2.77	2.77	100.00
John Osley, Sr.	2.77	2.77	100.00
Susie Yurik	2.77	2.77	100.00
John Bucala	2.77	2.77	100.00
George Strong (New Acct.)	.92	.92	100.00

	<u>\$427.35</u>	<u>\$416.09</u>	<u>\$15,263.39</u>
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Hannah W. Smith
(In custody of State Treasurer)

300.00

\$15,563.39

Firemen's Relief Fund

2.33

\$80.24

PETER S. ROGALESKI,

Treasurer.

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$ 905,795.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,376,165.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,281,960.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property	339,575.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property and Real Estate	3,621,535.00
Tax Rate per Thousand	50.00
Number of Polls	697
Number of Horses	80
Number of Cattle	420
Number of Fowl	4,500
Number of Dwellings	611
Number of Acres	9,063
Town Appropriations	\$245,410.82
State Audit	649.01
State Parks and Reservations	359.57
County Tax	22,432.64
Overlay	8,573.45

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$22,703.44
Corporation Tax	11,161.16
Excise Tax	16,000.00
Licenses	4,000.00
Schools	7,800.00
Charities	1,625.00
Old Age	6,000.00
Interest on Taxes	400.00
Available Funds	94,954.74
Health and Sanitation	100.00

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM
TAXATION

UNDER CHAPTER 59, CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	\$105,450.00
Town Property	531,700.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
American Legion	4,000.00

MITCHELL KEMPISTY

JOHN W. MULLINS, JR.

LEWIS WENDOLOWSKI

Police Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1956; also the number of arrests made in the Town of Hatfield:

Driving under the influence of liquor	1
Larceny	1
Drunkenness	3
Registry precautions	1
Escaped patient	1
Committed to state institutions	2
Accidents investigated	7
Dogs destroyed	3
Number of summons served	17
All dog taxes collected	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SLIWOSKI,

Chief of Police.

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

With the completion of 1956, the Board of Water Commissioners are pleased to submit the following report of activities of the Department.

Through the cooperation of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, electric service has been extended to the chlorinator house to operate the new chlorinator which will chlorinate all the water that is used by the townspeople proportionately through the 14-inch line running directly through the chlorinator house. With the installed Dahl Tube the metering of the water is possible and the volume of water used will be recorded in the chlorinator house.

Because of favorable weather conditions the reservoir supplied the town adequately during the past year, but with the continued amount of building in the town eventually the storage capacity will have to be enlarged. The State Dept. of Public Health has recommended that this be considered and the Board is presently studying this problem and will have plans for this improvement at a later time.

The renewing of old services has continued and several new and renewed services have been completed, including renewing the service to the Library and the Main Street Cemetery. The standpipe on Dwight Street was discontinued and a new larger pipe was installed at the common at the intersection of Dwight and Bridge Streets. In the future any request for new water service which

requires the extending of water mains will not be honored by the Board unless sufficient notification is given the Board for its consideration and approval.

A number of defective hydrants, including those broken off by accident, have been repaired. Unreported damage to hydrants has been noted during the past. It is requested that hydrants damaged by auto accidents be reported to the Board or its Superintendent.

The installation of 800 feet of 2-inch temporary line from West Street up Linseed Road has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL YANGINSKI,

RUPERT HARUBIN,

ARTHUR SMITH,

Water Commissioners.

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Hatfield Public Library:

I am pleased to submit my annual report as Librarian of the Public Library.

During the year 576 books were catalogued and added to our Library. Of these 576, 310 were for adults and 266 for children. There were 47 periodicals in circulation.

The Hatfield Public Library is one of the libraries receiving books from the State Regional Library Center at 4 Fisk Avenue, Greenfield, Massachusetts. During the year we have borrowed 201 books, consisting of travel books, biographies and historical novels. These books were very popular among our borrowers.

Any organized group in the area may borrow films from the State Regional Center free of charge by calling the Center at PRescott 3-8463 or by coming in to reserve them personally.

I am very grateful to the teachers who borrow books from the library for use in their classrooms. This special service is available to all teachers, and I would like to have them avail themselves of it. Reference books, biographies or any non-fiction books not found on our shelves will be borrowed from other sources upon request.

The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was as follows:

Juvenile Fiction	7,153
Juvenile Non-Fiction	4,119
Adult Fiction	6,026
Adult Non-Fiction	4,779
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	22,077

During the past year I have attended the following meetings in connection with Library work: 3 Book Review Sessions at the Regional Center, Greenfield, Mass.; the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library Club at the Greenfield Public Library, and the Fall Meeting at the Public Library in Orange, Mass.

The Library is open Monday and Friday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for your convenience.

To the Trustees, Teachers and my able assistants, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for their excellent cooperation during the past year.

THERESA M. GODIN,

Librarian.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield.

During the past year quite a bit of trimming had to be done, on Linseed Road clearance for power line to chlorinator house, in Bradstreet on River Road, Main Street and Elm Street.

Seven shade trees were taken down, classed as unsafe or due to storm damage, one maple in Bradstreet, two maples and one elm on Main Street, one maple on Valley Street, two elms on Elm Street.

Thirty-one elms were taken down and burned—Dutch Elm disease—one on School Street, two on Main Street, and the rest in Mill River area, Bridge, Prospect and Maple Streets.

All shade trees were sprayed twice.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS GODIN.

Report of Fire Department

To the Selectmen of Hatfield:

During 1956 we had 29 calls; also one mutual aid call to Whately.

We now have a two-way radio in our Seagrave Truck with the base station at Mutual Aid Station headquarters in Greenfield. The Bradstreet truck had to have a new clutch, a new generator and a new magneto.

The firefighters bought a 750-gallon pumper and replaced the motor with a new V8 240 H.P. Chrysler engine. This truck is newly painted, has 13 lengths of hard suction hose, a red light-siren combination and a bell. This truck was bought by the men to be used for parades and musters but the truck has turned out so good that the firefighters voted to put this truck into active service for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. SMITH,

Chief.

Report of Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

Jan. 27, 1957

To the Citizens of Hatfield

During the month of December as Inspector of Animals I visited all farms where livestock were kept and found all to be in good condition.

My report for 1956 is as follows:

Milk cows and 2-yr. heifers	233
Heifers 1-2 yrs. old	46
Heifer calves under 1 yr.	67
Bulls	10
Steers	120
Sheep	351
Swine	46
Horses	57

SLAUGHTER REPORT

As Inspector of Slaughter I submit the following report for 1956:

Hogs	25
Cattle	8
Calves	2
Sheep	8

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. SHEEHAN,

Inspector of Animals & Slaughter.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1956	\$954.00	
Personal 1956	12,877.25	
Real 1956	128,885.67	
Poll Previous Years	174.00	
Personal Previous Years	2,894.90	
Real Previous Years	29,524.25	
In Lieu of Taxes	88.78	
	<hr/>	175,398.85

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1956	15,320.41	
Previous Years	8,516.02	
	<hr/>	23,836.43

Commonwealth of Mass.:

Income Tax	26,990.28	
Corporation Tax	11,869.12	
Meal Tax	488.52	
	<hr/>	39,347.92

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	6,050.00	
Milk	8.50	
Junk	24.00	
All Other	254.00	
	<hr/>	6,336.50

Court Fines

250.60

Grants from Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	8,827.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,246.73	
Disability Assistance	1,755.67	
George Barden & Smith-Hughes	573.00	
School Lunch—Comm. Dist. Fund	4,701.50	
	<hr/>	17,103.92

RECEIPTS

Grants from Commonwealth:	
Vocational Education	3,722.11
Transportation	4,806.25
Highway Chapter 81	16,782.53
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	25,310.89
Grants from Hampshire County:	
Dog Licenses	271.70
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Total General Revenue	\$287,856.81

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall	\$162.50
Outlays	45.16
Sealer Weights & Measures	138.50
Health and Sanitation:	
Dental Clinic	264.00
Slaughter Insp. Fees	14.00
Sewer Conn.	2,225.00
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	2,503.00
Highways:	
Machinery Fund	2,220.00
Chapter 90 Construction—State	14,610.73
Chapter 90 Construction—County	4,870.24
Fence Damage, etc.	131.00
Chapter 90 Maint.—State	1,299.59
Chapter 90 Maint.—County	1,299.59
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	24,431.15
Public Welfare:	
Welfare—State	637.75
Disability Assist.—State	1,893.67
A. D. C.—State	676.19
O. A. A.—State	11,667.98
O. A. A.—Cities and Towns	254.12
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	15,129.71
Veterans' Benefits:	
State	568.89
Individuals	210.62
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	779.51
Youth Service Board	41.36
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	41.36

RECEIPTS

Schools:	
Athletic Receipts	1,159.88
School Lunch	9,773.90
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	10,933.78
Library Fines	91.95
Dividend on Purchase	1.12
Water Department:	
Water Rents	14,718.43
Service Connections	1,085.00
Hydrant Damage	24.45
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	15,827.88
Care of Cemetery Lots	362.75
General Interest:	
Interest on Taxes	589.20
Interest, Motor Vehicle	88.19
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	677.39
Interest on Trust Funds	427.35
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Total Commercial Revenue	71,553.11
Municipal Indebtedness:	
Temporary Loan	16,350.00
Premium on Loan	6.81
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	16,356.81
Agency, Trust and Investment:	
Dog Tax Due County	3.88
New Funds—Cemetery P. C.	100.00
Withholding	12,286.50
Retirement	1,968.20
Blue Cross	1,997.30
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	16,740.00
Refunds:	
Public Welfare	70.00
Schools	73.20
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	143.20
Total All Receipts	<hr/>
	\$392,649.93
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	86,475.31
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Total	<hr/>
	\$475,125.24
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PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Elector—Oliver Smith Will		10.00
Selectmen:		
Salary		858.33
Clerk		200.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Stationery, etc.	44.11	
Travel	69.60	
Dues	31.00	
	<hr/>	144.71
Town Accountant:		
Salary		1,475.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Printing, Stationery	76.49	
Dues	3.00	
Equipment	29.95	
	<hr/>	109.44
Treasurer:		
Salary		1,875.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Stationery, etc.	41.96	
Surety Bond	126.50	
Travel	139.20	
All Other	162.00	
	<hr/>	469.66
Collector of Taxes:		
Salary		1,400.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Stationery, etc.	190.46	
Surety Bond	264.50	
Clerical	124.30	
All Other	70.74	
	<hr/>	650.00

PAYMENTS

Assessors:

Salary		1,650.00
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Expenses:

Postage, Stationery	111.39	
Travel	90.51	
Clerical	147.50	
All Other	61.20	
	<hr/>	410.60

Town Counsel

200.00

Town Clerk:

Salary		1,775.00
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Expenses:

Surety Bond	7.50	
Recording Fees	73.00	
Postage, Stationery, etc.	39.26	
Clerical	120.00	
All Other	106.70	
	<hr/>	346.46

Election and Registration:

Registrars	133.00	
Election Officers	350.50	
Clerical	180.00	
Printing	100.70	
Street Lists	95.63	
	<hr/>	859.83

Total General Government

 \$12,459.03

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,610.00	
License	25.00	
Exterminator	42.00	
Fuel	1,626.52	
Lights	762.49	
Janitor's Supplies	253.45	
Repairs	515.88	
Equipment	109.80	
All Other	87.95	
	<hr/>	6,033.09

PAYMENTS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$1,500.00	
Men	337.50	
Insurance	179.20	
Equipment	422.93	
All Other	22.36	
	<hr/>	2,461.99

Fire Department:

Clerk	100.00	
Chief	250.00	
Men	813.50	
Phone	238.89	
Hose	84.57	
Gas, Oil, etc.	101.98	
Misc. Equipment	502.74	
Repairs	305.03	
Fuel	180.42	
Lights	45.57	
Rent	240.00	
All Other	189.95	
	<hr/>	3,052.65

Sealers of Weights & Measures:

Salary		200.00
Expenses:		
Equipment, etc.	21.56	
Travel	77.36	
	<hr/>	98.92

Moth Work:

Labor	536.40	
Spraying	453.00	
	<hr/>	989.40

Tree Work:

Labor	1,427.30	
Equipment	46.15	
	<hr/>	1,473.45

Civil Defense

538.45

Total Protection of Persons and Property

 \$8,814.86

PAYMENTS

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Public Health	\$242.28	
Well Child Clinic	154.29	
Dental Clinic	284.00	
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00	
Immunization School Children	200.00	
Animal Inspection	360.00	
	<hr/>	2,490.57
Sanitary Sewers:		
Elm Street Sewer	491.86	
North Street	3,235.74	
Old Farms Road	1,299.03	
	<hr/>	5,026.63
Total Health and Sanitation		<hr/> \$7,517.20

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$2,360.75	
Telephone	184.68	
Fuel	85.34	
Stone, Gravel, etc.	96.05	
Lights	45.57	
All Other	567.28	
	<hr/>	3,339.67
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Wages	3,071.70	
Gravel	265.50	
Sidewalks	317.25	
	<hr/>	3,654.45
Bridge Repairs		5.30
Elm Street Sidewalk		2,374.08
Street Lights		4,326.00
Dike Repairs		163.20
Purchase New Truck		4,981.19
Highway Chap. 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	802.20	
Town Mach.	304.00	
Other Mach.	50.00	
Tar and Stone	1,919.91	
	<hr/>	3,076.11

PAYMENTS

Highway Chap. 90 New Construction:

Elm Street '55 Cont.	84.00	
Elm Street '56 Cont.	26,154.02	
	<hr/>	26,238.02

Highway Chap. 81:

Labor	11,817.00	
Town Machinery	1,916.00	
Other Machinery	746.00	
Stone, Gravel	1,463.30	
Colprovia	507.00	
Tar	2,762.96	
Salt	480.00	
Concrete	134.70	
Culverts	934.46	
	<hr/>	20,261.42

Machinery Operating:

Parts and Repairs	1,940.79	
Gas	928.67	
Oil and Grease	58.24	
	<hr/>	2,927.70

Total Highways		<hr/>	\$71,347.14
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CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salary—Agent	\$176.70	
Printing, Postage, etc.	124.41	
All Other	29.83	
Board and Care	211.00	
Medical	20.50	
Cash Aid to Individuals	1,323.85	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	666.60	
	<hr/>	2,552.89

Disability Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town Funds	2,900.61	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	1,752.71	
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	114.32	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	34.03	
	<hr/>	4,801.67

PAYMENTS

Aid to Dependent Children:	
Cash Aid—Town Funds	886.73
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	1,260.63
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	70.96
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	11.24
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	2,229.56
Old Age Assistance:	
Cash Aid—Town Funds	15,490.05
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	8,767.55
Other Cities and Towns	495.00
All Other	11.13
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	622.56
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	170.19
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	25,556.48
Total Charities	<hr/>
	\$35,140.60

Veterans' Benefits:	
Agent's Salary	\$300.00
Stationery, etc.	7.36
Transportation	71.40
Veterans' Aid	481.00
Medical	120.30
Hospital Care	220.18
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	1,200.24

SCHOOLS

General Administration:	
Superintendent's Salary	\$1,966.72
Clerk	372.75
New Equipment	1,677.13
Office Supplies	177.42
Telephone	368.74
Travel	135.91
Census	50.00
All Other	43.08
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	4,791.75
Teachers' Salaries:	
High	28,956.53
Elementary	42,761.02
Music	824.78
Drawing	792.50
Penmanship	450.00
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	73,781.41

PAYMENTS

Text and Reference Books:		
High	619.31	
Elementary	969.08	
	<hr/>	1,588.39
Supplies:		
High	1,526.39	
Elementary	1,757.74	
Physical Ed.	202.80	
Agriculture	113.84	
	<hr/>	3,600.77
Transportation:		
High	3,543.85	
Elementary	3,535.75	
Other	279.85	
	<hr/>	7,359.45
Janitors:		
High	2,700.00	
Elementary	2,900.00	
	<hr/>	5,600.00
Fuel and Light:		
High	1,262.69	
Elementary	2,278.98	
Agriculture	49.20	
	<hr/>	3,590.87
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Janitor's Supplies—High	398.59	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	480.49	
Elementary Repairs	1,147.53	
	<hr/>	2,026.61
Diplomas and Graduation		117.56
Insurance		515.42
Nurse		1,500.00
Health Supplies		41.64
Education of Handicapped Children		440.00
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Total Schools from Appropriation		104,957.29
School Comm. Expense		38.67
Expense Building Comm.		3,966.37
Athletic Fund		1,283.81
George Barden—Federal		814.12
School Physician		400.00
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Total Schools		\$111,460.26

PAYMENTS

Vocational School Tuition and Trans.:

Tuition	2,819.77	
Transportation	662.00	
	<hr/>	3,481.77

SCHOOL LUNCH

Collections:

Wages	\$4,563.00	
Food	6,006.60	
Fuel	113.25	
Misc. Supplies	81.85	
Equipment	42.30	
	<hr/>	10,807.00

Commodity Distribution Fund:

Wages	1,590.00	
Food	2,837.44	
Fuel	65.00	
Misc. Supplies	191.30-	
Travel	11.76	
Repairs	6.00	
	<hr/>	4,701.50

Total School Lunch

 \$15,508.50

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$1,300.00	
Asst. Librarians	529.00	
Janitor	120.00	
Books	927.65	
Periodicals	69.50	
Fuel	236.20	
Light	25.13	
Binding Books	7.00	
Stationery, Postage	21.60	
All Other	35.43	
	<hr/>	3,271.51
New Room at Library		2,958.35
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Total Library		\$6,229.86

PAYMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

Telephone	\$242.68
Recreation	700.00
Memorial Day	341.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00
Print and Distribute Town Reports	444.00
Unpaid Bills	62.50
Outlays	47.51
Unclassified	49.99
Binding Books	50.00
Retirement Assessment	1,955.12
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	\$3,942.80

INSURANCE

Monies and Securities	\$72.00
Liability and Property Damage	807.05
Volunteer Firemen	128.75
Public Liability	272.69
Workmen's Compensation	1,558.76
Town Schedule	881.92
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	\$3,721.17

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries		\$600.00
Collector's Commission	735.93	
Clerical	123.00	
Postage, Stationery, etc.	26.94	
Collector's Bond	10.00	
Labor	3,143.15	
Trucks, Tractor, Digger, etc.	1,157.25	
Pipe, Fittings, Hydrants	1,800.89	
New Equipment	98.27	
Care of Chlorinator	360.00	
Bleach	150.95	
All Other	302.49	
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		7,909.87

PAYMENTS

Linseed Road:		
Labor	229.60	
Pipe, etc.	455.46	
Truck, Digger, etc.	267.00	
All Other	19.14	
	<hr/>	971.20
New Chlorinator		889.11
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Total Water Department		\$10,370.18

CEMETERIES

Clerical	\$50.00	
Labor	1,007.00	
All Other	45.99	
	<hr/>	1,102.99
Land Purchase—Main St. Cemetery	200.00	
Grading and Drainage	799.60	
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Total Cemeteries		\$2,102.59

INTEREST

Interest on Water Loans	1,351.50
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Water Main Loan Notes	10,000.00
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:		
State Parks	\$614.14	
State Audit	649.01	
County	21,335.77	
Dog Licenses for County	289.40	
	<hr/>	22,888.32
Cemetery Perpetual Care—New Funds		100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Interest		11.26
Retirement		1,968.20
Withholding		12,286.50
Blue Cross		1,997.30
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		\$39,251.58

PAYMENTS

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$667.78	
Motor Vehicle Excise	899.02	
Water Rent	2.80	
	<hr/>	1,569.60
Total Payments		<hr/> \$351,501.97
Balance January 1, 1957		127,623.27
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TOTAL		\$479,108.45
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TOTAL		\$479,125.24

TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1956

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$127,623.27	Temporary Loans:	
		In Anticipation of Reim-	
		bursement	\$ 16,350.00
Accounts Receivable:		Dog Tax Due County	98.60
Taxes:		Temporary Loan—	
Levy of 1952	131.33	Interest Accrual	6.81
Levy of 1953	865.12	Premium on Sale Water Notes	4|00
Levy of 1954	2,783.69	Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1955	10,657.06	Disability Assistance	5.34
Levy of 1956	36,084.83	Aid to Dependent	
	<hr/>	Children	67.06
	50,522.03	Old Age Assistance	334.71
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Motor Vehicle Excise:		Revolving Fund:	407.11
Levy of 1952	65.55	School Athletic Fund	690.03
Levy of 1953	330.43	School Lunch Collec-	
Levy of 1954	578.87	tions	1,819.78
Levy of 1955	2,344.48		<hr/>
Levy of 1956	7,404.70		
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	10,724.03		2,509.81

Departmental:		Unexpended Appropriation	
Aid to Dependent		Balances:	
Children	222.48	Civil Defense	37.50
Care of Cemetery		Highway Chap. 90	
Lots	245.00	Maintenance	823.89
Veterans' Services	181.00	Highway Chap. 90	
		New Construction	44.11
		Bridge Repairs	488.68
		Fence Repairs	200.00
		Build New Room at	
		Library	4,964.22
Water Department:		Purchase and Install	
Water Rates	3,460.13	Chlorinator	83.79
Aid to Highways:		Water Loan—Elm St.	
County	2,429.76	8" Line	36.84
State	13,515.69	Purch. or Take Land	
		in Watershed	2,800.00
Outlays	15,945.45	Land Purch.—No.	
	4.85	Hatfield Cemetery	300.00
Underestimates:		Sale of Real Estate	9,779.03
State Parks Tax	254.57	Road Machinery Earnings Fund	250.00
County Tax	183.98		3,346.16

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus 5,141.37

Overlays Reserved for Abatements:
 Overlay 1952 131.32
 Overlay 1953 865.12
 Overlays 1954 2,783.69
 Overlay 1955 4,961.84
 Overlays 1956 4,021.95
12,763.93

Revenut Reserved Until Collected:

Departmental 648.48
 Motor Vehicle 10,724.03
 Water 3,460.13
 State & County Aid to
 Highways 4,519.03

19,351.67
 Water Available Surplus 16,522.88
 Surplus Revenue 122,835.42

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
 RESERVES

\$209,366.79

TOTAL ASSETS

\$209,366.79

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 69,000.00	Water Main Loan, Chestnut and Prospect Sts.	\$ 17,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Elm Street	8,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Plain Road	44,000.00
	<u>\$ 69,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 69,000.00</u>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$ 15,643.63	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 14,788.10
		Firemen's Relief Fund	80.24
		General Care Fund—Main St. Cemetery	10.00
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
	<u>\$ 15,643.63</u>		<u>\$ 15,643.63</u>

GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI,

Town Accountant

Appropriation Table

	1956 Appropriation	Additional	Total Available	Spent	Balance to Revenue or Forward
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Selectmen's Salaries	900.00		900.00	858.33	41.67
Selectmen's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00		150.00	144.71	5.29
Accountant's Salary	1,475.00		1,475.00	1,475.00	
Accountant's Expense	125.00		125.00	109.44	15.56
Treasurer's Salary	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00	
Treasurer's Expense	475.00		475.00	469.66	5.34
Collector's Salary	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Collector's Expense	650.00		650.00	650.00	
Assessors' Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Assessors' Expense	400.00	10.60	410.60	410.60	
Attorney's Fees	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00		350.00	346.46	3.54
Election and Registration	875.00		875.00	859.83	15.17
Elector's Salary	10.00		10.00	10.00	
Town Hall	6,000.00	33.09	6,033.09	6,033.09	

Police Dept.	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,461.99	38.01
Fire Dept.	2,500.00	600.00	3,100.00	3,052.65	47.35
Tree Work	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,473.45	126.55
Moth Work	1,000.00		1,000.00	989.40	10.60
Civil Defense	575.95		575.95	538.45	37.50
Sealer Weights & Measures Salary	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures Expenses	100.00		100.00	93.92	1.08
Public Health	500.00		500.00	242.28	257.72
Insp School Children—Imm.	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	75.00		75.00		75.00
Dental Clinic	450.00		450.00	284.00	166.00
Well-Child Clinic	200.00		200.00	154.29	45.71
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
Insp. Animals and Slaughter	360.00		360.00	360.00	
Elm Street Sewer and Filter Bed	503.67		503.67	491.86	11.81
North Street Sewer	2,800.00	500.00	3,300.00	3,235.74	64.26
Old Farms Road Sewer	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,299.03	.97
School Physician	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Highway General	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,994.12	5.88
Highway Chap. 81	22,250.00		22,250.00	20,261.42	1,988.58
Highway Chap. 90 Maint.	3,900.00		3,900.00	3,076.11	823.89
Highway Chap. 90 N. C.	26,282.13		26,282.13	26,238.02	44.11
Road Machinery	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,927.70	72.30
Street Lights	4,300.00	26.00	4,326.00	4,326.00	
Bridge Repairs	493.98		493.98	5.30	488.68
Dike Repairs	200.00		200.00	163.20	36.80

Insurance	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,721.17	278.83
Memorial Day	350.00	350.00	341.00	9.00
Print and Deliver Town Reports	600.00	600.00	444.00	156.00
Recreation	700.00	700.00	700.00	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,642.63	357.37
Retirement	1,955.12	1,955.12	1,955.12	7.32
Telephone	250.00	250.00	242.68	50.01
Unclassified	100.00	100.00	49.99	
Unpaid Bills	62.50	62.50	62.50	
Water Commissioners' Salaries	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Water Dept.	7,000.00	1,881.07	8,881.07	
Purchase and Install New Chlorinator	972.90	972.90	889.11	83.79
Water Main Elm St. 8" Line	36.84	36.84		36.84
Purchase or Take Land—Watershed	2,800.00	2,800.00		2,800.00
Cemeteries	900.00	416.09	1,102.99	213.10
Land Purchase—Main St. Cemetery	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Grading and Draining New Cem. Purchase	800.00	800.00	799.60	.40
Land Purchase—North Hatfield	300.00	300.00		300.00
Interest	500.00	500.00		500.00
Interest—Water Main Loan	1,351.50	1,351.50	1,351.50	
Water Main Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
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	\$332,893.50	\$4,830.42	\$337,723.92	\$21,591.21

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Edward S. Kowalski, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Eugene F. Proulx	Term Expires 1958
Henry F. Kulesza	Term Expires 1959

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the first Monday of each month
at the High School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

School Office:

High School Building

Telephone: CH 7-2361

Home Address:

Middle Street,

Hadley, Mass.

WORK CERTIFICATES AND SCHOOL CLERK

Marie P. Sheehan
15 Chestnut Street
Office telephone CH 7-2361

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert C. Byrne
46 Main Street
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SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R.N.
19 Prospect Street
Telephone CH 7-3553

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1956-1957

Superintendent of Schools and Principal of
Smith Academy

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

Smith Academy

John Skarzynski—Assistant Principal
Algebra I, II; Plane Geometry; Solid and Trigonometry;
Chemistry; Driver Education

Florence Muller
French I, II; Latin I & II; World History

Margaret Pruzynski
Typing I, II; Shorthand I, II; Bookkeeping;
Secretarial Practice; Junior Business Training

Mary E. Ryan
English

Mary Spakowski
Home Economics; Biology; General Math;
Home and Family

John F. Symanczyk
General Science; United States History; Problems of
Democracy; Physical Education

Center School

Grades 6, 7, 8

Dorothy Breor: Acting Principal; English
Ann Labbee: Temporary; Grade 8; Science
Sarah Kiley: Grade 7; History and Geography
Jean Kempisty: Grade 6, Arithmetic

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Grade 5

Frances Celatka

Joyce (Duval) Prince

Grade 4

Hilda Fortsch

Marjorie Ryack

Grade 3

Jane Blauvelt

Grade 2

Martha Boyle

Moirá Callahan

Grade 1

Lena Fitzgerald

Helen Kostek

Supervisors

Music—Esther Norris

Art—Mrs. Eric Lampard

Penmanship—William J. Rhinehart Co.

Custodians

Elementary—Chester Celatka

High School—Stanley Piankowski

Transporter

Henry Labbee Bus Co.

School Lunch Workers

Hazel Roberts, Manager

Irene Labbee

Susan Zima

Winifred Betsold

Helen McGrath

Phyllis Kuzontkoski, Sub.

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Your school committee herewith submits its annual report for the year 1956. The committee held eleven regular meetings and six special meetings during the year. As in the past years the committee has strived to maintain and improve the existing educational system of the community so that the pupils of this community may receive an education which is equal to or better than that received by pupils in the other communities with whom they must be prepared to compete upon the termination of their formal public education.

The educational problems which your committee faces are those which are common to other communities, the state and the nation as a whole. Our local problems regarding education are a small part of the national problems of education, but they affect us in a direct proportion to our size.

This committee considers the following problems as major ones: 1. The supply of competent, trained and available educators. 2. The rising enrollments of the local schools. 3. The problems of curriculum and 4. Finance.

Personnel

This community and the committee have not escaped the problem of providing competent teachers for our classrooms. This year four teachers and one administrator, for varying reasons, have left our system.

An account of our staff changes follows:

Mr. Raymond Jenness—six months leave of absence to April 30, 1957—employed as assistant-principal of the junior-senior high school at Stowe, Mass.

Mrs. Norma Gates—resigned June 1956.

Mrs. Moira Callahan—resigned December 1956.

Mr. George Feiker—resigned August 1956.

Miss Maude Boyle—unable to return after an auto accident.

Mrs. Dorothy Breor—elected acting principal of the Elementary School.

Miss Joyce Duval—elected fifth grade teacher.

Mrs. Marjorie Ryack—elected fourth grade teacher.

Mrs. Anne Labbee—temporary 6th, 7th, 8th grade Science and eighth grade teacher.

Mrs. Eleanor Stenglein—temporary grade two teacher.

Mrs. Esther Norris—elected as Music Supervisor.

At present the committee realizes that it must secure the services of at least three new teachers for September 1957 and the full extent of the staff problems will probably not be known until late in the summer months.

Although qualified teachers are in serious short supply at the present time, the full seriousness of this problem is not expected for another four or five years. It is predicted that the supply of teachers will continue to become smaller in the ensuing years.

During the year the committee appointed a part time school department clerk. The committee found that by combining several smaller school expenditures which had

been regularly made over the past several years, a part time clerk could be employed without requesting additional funds. Previously expenditures for clerical type services within the department had been made under the items of Work Certificates and Clerical Services from the regular school budget and an additional expenditure for the same type service had been made from School Lunch funds. The committee has re-assigned the clerical services and payments to one person.

All clerical type services are now handled in the school department office, where previously they were distributed elsewhere.

Enrollment

The number of pupils enrolled in our schools increased this year, as it has done over recent years. This year, on October 1, there were 414 pupils enrolled in all grades, one through twelve. Three hundred twenty-two pupils were enrolled in grades one through eight and 92 in grades nine through twelve.

The increase in enrollment this year totaled 28 pupils over the last school year. The elementary enrollment increased 14, while the secondary enrollment increased 14 pupils. This is a total gain of 28 pupils in regard to the entire school system.

At present there is being added to the school system the equivalent of one classroom per year.

The Hatfield School Committee, as early as 1952, pointed out the need for additional school facilities. In order to provide these facilities a School Building Needs Committee and a School Building Committee were appointed to confirm the need and present plans, respectively, for additional facilities. On February 21, 1955, the findings and report of the School Building Committee

were accepted in regular Town Meeting and at the same meeting the Building Committee was authorized. At a Special Town Meeting October 22, 1956, the Building Committee submitted preliminary plans and cost estimates for a proposed addition to the present Center School, which were turned down by the voters of the town.

The fact that the proposals of the Building Committee were turned down does not resolve the problem of needed additional facilities. The School Committee takes this opportunity to again inform the community that with the increased enrollments, present and anticipated, the need for additional facilities continues to exist and new proposals for them must be made and considered at the earliest possible time. The school committee takes note that the prospects of "double sessions," in truth a part time education, are close to realization and that with each delay the possibility of double sessions increases.

A summary view of past and anticipated enrollments is presented in charts to be found incorporated in this School Department report on another page. You are encouraged to turn to the charts and examine them closely.

Curriculum

During this past year the committee has noted the strengthening of the curriculum in both Elementary and High School. Both the Superintendent's and Elementary Principal's reports carry a more detailed account of the activities in this area. The afore-mentioned reports have been delivered to, read, and approved by the school committee and your attention is called to them.

Finance

The problems of financing our schools beset this committee, as they do each school committee in the Common-

ealth. The demands for increased school expenditures are due to the same reasons that all school departments find pressed on them, namely increased costs for goods and services of all types, demands for increased services, and expanded pupil enrollments within the schools.

Each year the school committee prepares its anticipated budget for the following year. At least two months are devoted to estimating and considering the ensuing budget estimates. During the month of December a joint meeting of the Hatfield Finance Committee and the Hatfield School Committee is held, at which time the budget estimates are, for the final time, thoroughly studied and examined by both groups. Complete explanations of the School Department estimates are given the Finance Committee by the School Committee and many questions regarding the submitted budget are discussed and answered.

The anticipated school expenditures, as represented by the submitted budget estimates, are the results of careful consideration of the school committee and have the approval of the Finance Committee.

The voters of the community often inquire as to ways of easing the local taxes necessary to support our schools. The committee wishes to remind the voters that during the present year the Town of Hatfield has received a total of \$26,412.48 for Regular Day School and \$1,060.88 for Vocational Tuition and Transportation as reimbursements for educational expenditures made from taxation, but because of the laws of the Commonwealth, these funds are not returned to the town to be credited for use against current or anticipated educational expenditures, but rather are returned to the town and deposited in the Reserve Fund where they are drawn upon for expenditures for other purposes. Reasonably giving due credit for educational reimbursements to educational

expenditures, the true or net costs of operating the School Department can be determined by deducting educational reimbursements received during the year from the total educational expenditures for the year, thus arriving at the net operating school costs.

The committee wishes to bring to the attention of the voters certain proposals being made on a state basis by several responsible groups to increase state aid to local communities for educational purposes which has recently come to our attention in a report from the Massachusetts Teachers Association which follows:

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A STATE-AID REPORT

Now that the state-aid-to-schools problem is still a very hot one (nothing having been accomplished at the State House in the 1956 session to meet the problem), it is desirable for voters to get in touch with their legislators to urge that they give active support in the 1957 Legislature to state-aid-to-schools legislation, including Senate 34 of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

At hand is the recent lengthy "Report of the Legislative Research Council Relative to Increasing State Aid for Schools," known as S.570 of 1956. This study is a rather complete review of the state-aid-for schools situation, with some new statistics thrown in.

NOW WE QUOTE THE REPORT

"State aid for schools in Massachusetts accounts for 22.2 per cent of total school expenditures and for 23.9 per cent of operating school expenditures. When the proportion of undesignated shared taxes is excluded, state aid runs to about 17 per cent of total school expenditures and to about 15 per cent of operating school expenditures.

"It can be safely concluded, however, that state support of public schools in Massachusetts is well below the national average of 41 per cent, even when undesignated aid is given its proper weight. Despite post-war advances, Massachusetts is a state of relatively low school aid, and the local property tax continues to be relied upon as the major support of public schools.

"There is a wide range among the cities and towns in school costs and in taxable resources . . . For the cities, the range between the lowest and highest figures for valuations per pupil is over \$14,000. At the bottom is the one city with valuation per pupil of less than \$8,000; at the top are two cities with valuations per pupil in excess of \$20,000.

"About 77 per cent of all school expenditures in Massachusetts are borne by the cities and towns. The bulk of the local share of school costs in Massachusetts comes from the local property tax. Massachusetts ranks second among the state in local property tax collections per capita and fourth among the state in local property tax collections as a per cent of individual income.

"According to the latest projection of public school population by the State Department of Education, the 1933 high would be passed in 1958, and by 1960 there would be over 250,000 more pupils in the public schools of Massachusetts than in 1946. This means that public school population for 1960 was estimated to increase by 44 per cent over 1946. It seems safe to predict that the operating expenditures for public schools in Massachusetts will be \$25 million to \$35 million greater by 1958.

"Local property tax collections in Massachusetts were \$94.59 per capita in 1953, which makes Massachusetts the second highest property tax state in the country. It is surpassed only by New Hampshire. Local property tax collections in Massachusetts were 5.2 per

cent of individual income in 1953. In this respect, Massachusetts is outranked by just three states—New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Iowa.”

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A second matter which should be brought to the attention of the voters is that of Federal Aid to education which has recently been thoroughly reported in daily and periodical literature.

These matters are submitted by the committee as a matter for public interest and the board does not attempt to interpret, evaluate or condone in any way the merits involved in them.

The matter of increased state or federal aid to education can only be determined by the desires expressed by voters to state or federal political leaders.

The School Committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its sincere regards to the townspeople and school personnel for their support, understanding and cooperation during the year just passed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD KOWALSKI

EUGENE PROULX

HENRY KULESZA

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Hatfield:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Hatfield, it being the first full-year report of this administration.

During the past year your Superintendent has worked very closely with the School Committee in the solution to the many problems which have confronted it in the operation of the School Department.

These are indeed trying times in the operation of the School Department, but with resolve and determination, each problem has been met and solved—some permanently, some of necessity on a temporary basis.

As advisor and executive officer of the School Committee, it is my duty to make suggestions and recommendations to the Committee and to carry out the decisions which they arrive at.

The Community is indeed fortunate during the past year to have had such a capable and sincerely interested School Committee. It has been a Committee interested in the educational welfare of the pupils in our schools as well as the interests of the citizens of the town.

During the past year a considerable improvement in our curriculum was undertaken in the matter of extending and consolidating some of the subject areas in both the Elementary and Secondary schools.

In the Elementary schools the curriculum areas of science, music, and social studies (history and geography) were strengthened by the provision of single series of texts for classroom use. The science curriculum was extended downward to include the third grade and the Singer Science Series published by Singer Publishing Company is now basic to all grades—three through seven. The music curriculum is now based on the Ginn Music Series published by Ginn and Company. The social studies basic text series is based on the Follett Social Studies Series published by Follett Publishing Company.

In each of the mentioned curriculum areas, after an inventory had been taken, it was found that mixed series of texts were available; or, in some cases, no texts were available to the grades. As with a ladder, so with education; in order to get to the top, one rung after another must be used. Where texts are missing, there is a blank spot in the progress of pupils and where there is a duplication or omission because of the grade placement of information in various basic series, there is either an unnecessary repetition or the complete omission of information needed for normal and continual pupil progress.

The completing of these basic text series for all grades will be carried out during 1957.

In the High School the curriculum was improved by the addition of one new course in the Commercial Department, Junior Business Training, in which eighteen pupils are enrolled. The Driver Education course was retained again this year and has twenty-two pupils enrolled.

New texts were either completely or partially provided for Junior Business Training, English, Mathematics, Languages, and History. For the most part, texts were provided to meet increased enrollments or to bring the texts on technical subjects up to date.

During the year the Vocational Agriculture course was discontinued in the face of Mr. George Feiker's resignation and the decreased enrollment in the program. As of August 1956, there were only six boys enrolled in the program, which is nine less than the State Department of Education considers necessary in order that the program could be reimbursed.

After the resignation of the instructor was accepted, inquiries were made to secure a replacement but none were found to be available. The problem was discussed with Mr. John C. Glavin of the Massachusetts State Department of Education, who advised that in view of the unavailability of an instructor and the very low enrollment the best course of action would be to discontinue the course. All factors were given consideration by the Committee and it was with reluctance that it was voted for immediate discontinuance of the course.

The dropping of Vocational Agriculture has not forced any pupils to leave Smith Academy. Each of the six boys involved decided to remain at the Academy and have successfully been incorporated in the other curricula. Full credits for previous courses have been given these pupils toward their graduation credits.

During the past year a new temporary classroom for the Elementary grades was provided in the Center School basement. A new tile floor was installed, two archways blocked and a door installed, fluorescent lights installed, a bookcase provided, chalkboard and bulletin boards were installed and the room was painted contrasting shades of yellow and maize blue. The facility provided is pleasant and attractive.

Before this new room was worked on Mr. David C. Milne, State Building Inspector from the Pittsfield, Mass., office, made an inspection of the area so that the School Committee could be assured that permission to use it as a

classroom would be secured after the alterations and installations were made. A copy of his letter granting temporary approval follows:

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DIVISION OF INSPECTION
246 North St., Pittsfield
August 9, 1956

To: Arthur Scott, Supt. of Schools,
Hatfield, Mass.

Subject: Hatfield Elementary School, basement

1. Confirming my conversation with you today, the room in the rear corner of the Hatfield School basement cannot be approved for classroom use. Regulations of this Department for classrooms require classroom ceiling height not less than ten feet and glass window area equal to 20% of floor area. Classroom ventilation is required providing air intake and exhaust at the rate of 15 c.f.m. for each pupil.

2. However, during the existing emergency only, and for a period ending not later than July 1, 1957, it is believed that State Building Inspector James Lane will approve use of the room for classes of not more than 25 pupils.

(Signed)

David C. Milne
DAVID C. MILNE,
State Building Inspector.

DCM:AML

C.C.: Greenfield office
Chief of Inspections

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During the fall an inspection of the timbers in the Center School attic was made and it was found that a considerable amount of tying and bracing was necessary. During December Mr. Thomas Wickles carried out the

necessary repairs to the timbers. At the same time eight badly worn stair treads leading to the boys' basement were replaced by him.

During the summer the Trustees of Smith Academy authorized and carried out a large maintenance program at the Academy. The floors of the first and second classroom stories were completely sanded, sealed, and varnished. The stair treads leading all the way from the ground floor to the second classroom story were torn out and replaced with new oak stair treads. These were also sealed and finished.

The second large improvement in the building was provided when the language room on the upper floor was enlarged to twice its size by the removal of a partition which had formed a book storage closet. New flooring for the room and new walls and ceiling were installed. The room has been painted a smoke rose hue with white ceilings. The increased area provided by this improvement has proved most valuable to the teachers and pupils.

In December the Academy stoker was badly damaged through a mechanical failure and the Trustees authorized and have installed a new oil burning unit which is replacing the damaged coal stoker.

All of the improvements made to the Smith Academy building have been made and financed by the Academy Trustees without cost to the Town.

It is my belief that a vote of appreciation by the community should be extended to the Trustees for their generous cooperation, interest and desire to provide and improve the facilities of Smith Academy.

From the Smith Academy pupils, staff, and myself, I would like to extend to the Trustees our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many things you have done for us during this past year.

The 1957 School Budget is submitted in a form which is in keeping with the financial accounting methods used by the State Department of Education, the State Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts and the Hatfield Town Accountant. The budget as itemized during previous years by the School Department was not in keeping with the itemizations of any other office charged with the responsibility of accounting for school expenditures. In the inter-actions of the school and other offices in regard to accounting, several transitions were necessary so that a mutual understanding could be arrived at. The school itemizations and those of the other offices could not be easily compared as the itemizations in some cases were not identical.

At the end of July of each year a State Department of Education report is required from the local School Department and because of the standardized method of accounting used by them it was necessary for the School Department to re-itemize a good many expenditures from its ledger.

The change of itemizations should lead to a clearer understanding between the offices responsible for school accounting. It should further make the job of keeping accounts and reporting them by the School Department a great deal easier. A definite comparison between the School Department accounting in the main categories, and that of other offices will now be possible as the categories will be identical.

The transportation routes and schedules have remained quite constant over the past year. Some change in the route covering the "State Road" or "West St." and Dickenson's Corner was made to correct the hazard of picking up and leaving children on the main highway. It was found that several of the children involved were required to walk some distance on the main highway in

order to get to the previous bus stop or to return to their homes from it.

At the end of June we were able to discontinue our program of home instruction for both in-town children who had received it during the 1955-56 school year. At present there is only one child receiving instruction of this type at a hospital school.

The following times are set aside each week so that pupils may benefit from religious instruction in denominations of their own choosing:

Wednesday	10:45-11:30	High School pupils
Wednesday	1:00- 1:50	Pupils of grades 3, 4, 5
Wednesday	1:55- 2:45	Pupils of grades 6, 7, 8

It is a school policy that no interference is made in regard to released time. The time is provided for religious instruction and beyond that point it is a matter to be handled between the home and the church.

To clear up any misunderstanding which may have developed from my statement in the 1955 town report in regard to the entrance age of pupils I submit the following:

Any child who attains the age of six during the year in which entrance to the first grade is sought may attend school beginning in September of that year. As an example: a child having his sixth birthday on any day including or between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 1957 may enroll and attend school beginning September 4, 1957.

Some new equipment was purchased during the past year. Most equipment purchased was to satisfy the increased enrollments and to equip the additional classroom.

The list of the major items of new equipment follows:

- 29 pupil desks
- 29 pupil chairs
- 2 steel office desks (former desks in classrooms)
Elem. Prin. and High School Office
- 1 office chair—High School Office
- 2 pupil typing tables—High School Commercial Department
- 2 typewriters—High School Commercial Department
- 1 classroom wall clock—Elementary
- 1 tape recorder—for all schools
- 2 vacuum cleaners—
- 1 for Center School custodian
 - 1 to be used for Home Economics instruction and by the High School custodian

Charts concerning past enrollments and predicted future enrollments are to be found elsewhere in this school report and I respectfully call your attention to them. Although the figures used for predicting future enrollments may vary somewhat, I am confident that they are reliable and are a good indication of the enrollments that can be expected. In the 1955 School Report I stated that I felt the predicted enrollment estimate was conservative. If the ensuing years repeat the inaccuracy of the September 1957 predicted enrollments for the elementary grades of the 1955 Town Report then the prediction for 1960 should be nearer 375 in this year's report.

The community has not grown in the phenomenal manner that some have but there has been and is a steady increase in both the total population and the school population. The steady build-up of the pupil population has taxed the existing facilities and will continue to do so in the ensuing years. When school facilities are crowded

beyond their capacity to hold pupils, something must give and the only breakable commodity is the quality or quantity of education which can be given by the schools.

This community, in order to maintain or expand both the quantity and quality of its educational opportunities, should continue to seek a way in which facilities of the proper kind and amount can be provided.

The personnel of the Hatfield Schools has continued to render very fine educational service to the Community through their cooperation with the townspeople and administration but most notably through their attention and devotion to the work of instructing the pupils entrusted to them.

The professional staff has continued as in previous years to invest in and seek self-improvement by taking professional courses offered by institutes of high learning in the area. Through this self-improvement up-to-date methods, materials, and ideas continue to be brought to the pupils of the schools in the community as a whole.

It is a pleasure to be associated with both the professional and service staffs of the schools.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the townspeople, the staffs of the schools, pupils, the School Committee and others who have assisted me during this past year. The co-operation which has been extended me by the townspeople is most gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.

Superintendent of Schools.

Principal of Center School

To the School Committee of Hatfield:

As the acting-principal of the elementary schools of Hatfield, I wish to submit this annual report.

I wish to take this time to thank you for placing such confidence in me by electing me to the position vacated by Mr. Jenness, who gave so many years of commendable service. With the co-operation of the administration, teaching staff, parents, and children, I shall strive to carry out the high ideals and objectives of education today.

Our critical shortage of engineers and trained scientists has recently directed nation-wide attention to the science program in the schools. The school staff and administration have been aware of the importance of this problem.

This year for the first time a science program has been introduced into the first grade and extends through the eighth grade. This program seeks to capitalize on the interests of the children so that as they acquire new knowledge of the fascinating things about them, they are also developing capacities essential to the educated person. Such capacities would include habits of careful observation, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, basing conclusions on available evidence and being willing to re-examine conclusions in the light of new evidence. While science has no monopoly in the development of such characteristics, it can be an excellent vehicle for their attainment.

The staff believes that the understanding of our environment is one of the great areas of human knowledge, essential to a balanced education. It is in this spirit that it is being taught.

Periodical reliable measurement of the child's achievement and development of certain skills is essential for effective supervision of instruction and individualization of teaching. To enable teachers and school administrators to become acquainted with the educational accomplishments and abilities of each pupil, a wide range of tests are used throughout the elementary and junior high grades. This past year the following tests were used:

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills—Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.

California Achievement Tests—Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7.

Hennon-Nelson Tests of Mental Ability—Grades 3, 5, 7.

Scott, Foresman Basic Reading Tests—Grade 2.

Differential Aptitude Test—Grade 8.

These tests enable the teaching staff to provide instruction and guidance adapted to the individual's needs, interests, and abilities. The test results help the administration identify those areas of the instructional program most in need of greater emphasis or of curriculum reorganization.

The results of these tests indicate that our pupils rated on a par or better with national scholastic averages.

During the week of November 12th through the 16th the Hatfield Schools, together with schools throughout the nation, observed National Education Week. A highlight of that week was Open House Thursday evening, November 15, from seven to eight-thirty. One hundred seventy-nine interested parents visited the classrooms that evening to see the work that their children had done and to discuss individual problems with the teachers.

Such a large turnout of parents, particularly fathers, made the staff and administrators feel that you, the parents, are interested in the schools and the education provided your children. It is only by visiting the schools and discussing problems with the staff that understanding of the basic philosophy and policies of modern education can be assured.

Our school lunch program has become an integral part of our educational program. The teachers of the elementary and junior high classes have capitalized on the school lunch to provide a variety of learning experiences for children in nutrition, social behavior, and proper handling of food. Table manners and group behavior are important to the social development of each child. By sitting with their classes, the teachers are able to give guidance to the pupils. A typical day will find both teachers and pupils sharing in the responsibilities of the lunch room.

In these last few years greater emphasis than ever has been placed on the importance of audio-visual aids to instruction. They are designed to aid in the presentation of materials—knowledge, concepts, and ideas—in every field of instruction so that these learnings are more clearly understood and appreciated.

With this in mind, the teachers are attempting to make much wider use of audio-visual aids in the classroom to supplement their instruction. Our materials at the school are limited, but with the filmstrips and films offered by educational institutions and business establishments, a good deal of material is available for classroom use.

A few of the eighth grade boys have been trained to run the various projectors so that they might assist a teacher in her presentation of films, filmstrips, etc.

New social studies texts are used in the third, fourth, and fifth grades to unify our social studies program and to have continuity in the teaching of social studies in the elementary grades. This program begins in the first grade with the study of home, neighborhood, and school relationships and expands throughout the grades to include an intensive study of our country and other countries so that children come to understand the interdependence of people everywhere.

Miss Jean Kempisty and Mrs. Dorothy Breor once again accompanied the sixth grade and the eighth grade on their educational trips to Boston and New York City. We all realize the tremendous educational value of such trips because many children have never had the opportunity to visit the historical and educational sights in these great cities. To all the people who supported the magazine drive and who assisted us in delivering the Annual Reports, we extend our thanks for making these educational trips possible.

In conclusion, may I say these past few months have been challenging ones to me. May I express my sincere gratitude to the School Committee, faculty, parents, custodians, pupils, and especially Mr. Scott, the superintendent, for the assistance they have given me and for the consideration they have shown me.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. BREOR.

Acting-Principal of Center School.

CENTER SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM—1956

Scripture	Edward Malinowski
Finlandia	Grades 6, 7, 8
Welcome	James Majesky
Wings for Words	Barbara Gocłowski
Savers of Lives	Kenneth Kulesza
Leader of His Race	Barbara Filipek
Now Thank Me Our God	Grades 6, 7, 8
Ezekiel Saw the Wheel	Grade 8
Once to Every Man and Nation	Grades 6, 7, 8

Presentation of Class Gift

Sanford Belden

Presentation of Library Awards

Mrs. Theresa Godin

Presentation of Penmanship Awards

Principal Raymond Jenness

Presentation of the Class of '54 Shield

Principal Raymond Jenness

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

Class Song

Class of '56

Star Spangled Banner

All

Graduates

Boys:

Sanford Belden
 Russell Brown
 Theodore Celatka
 Robert Dulaski
 Paul Labbee
 James Majesky
 Edward Malinowski
 Robert Novak
 Richard O'Dea
 Thomas Petcen
 John Rogaleski
 Richard Sadoski

John Hoffman
 Joseph Kalentek
 Robert Kovalski
 Kenneth Kulesza
 Fred Snook
 James Southard
 Anthony Symanski
 John Walania
 Ronald Widelo
 Michael Yanginski
 Richard Zagrodnik
 Dennis Sullivan

Zigmund Kusekoski

Girls:

Nancy Baceski
 Barbara Filipek
 Barbara Goclowski
 Celia Godzina
 Sandra Jablonski
 Cynthia Karakula

Renée Magnin
 Barbara Novak
 Merle Omasta
 Frances Pelis
 Kathryn Rudy
 Betty Stempel

Shirleyanne Widelo

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Hatfield:

Each day new worlds are being opened for our children in school, worlds that they are meeting usually with excitement and interest, unless they are handicapped in some way from responding. If our children are not in top physical condition they simply cannot do their best work in school. A health program is essential and the program, to be effective, involves the cooperation of the doctors, teachers and administrators, as well as the parents.

One of the basic points in the school health program is school health services. These services are procedures established to appraise the health status of pupils; to counsel pupils and parents concerning the appraisal findings; to encourage the correction of remedial defects; to help prevent and control disease; and to provide emergency care for injury or acute illness. Other services offered are the screening tests for vision and hearing difficulties, dental examinations and immunizations. School health services supplement, but are no substitute for, the health care parents should provide for their children. These services are designed to encourage parents to devote attention to child health, to acquaint them with health problems of which they are unaware, and to encourage them to utilize the services of their own physician and dentist.

The following is a complete report of the health services that are offered to the school children:

Physical examinations were given to children in all grades, with added attention given to athletes. Again this year, parents of children of grades one and four were invited to be present at the time of their child's examination. Several parents availed themselves of this opportunity, which enabled them to discuss their child's health and welfare with the examining physician. A home visit was made to parents of those found with defects. As a result of the examinations, 4 students underwent tonsillectomies, 2 underwent corrective surgery and 3 were referred to the Cardiac Clinic in Springfield for consultation.

Three Polio Clinics were held during the year. In February, polio vaccine, which was made available through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was given to 63 children of grades two and three. These children had received their first injection in May of the previous year. Vaccine was then made available through the Board of Health, for all children under 15 years of age. First injections were given to 218 children in April. A clinic for second injections was held in July with 209 school children attending.

A Dental Clinic was held in the spring under the direction of Dr. Glade Hall. Three hundred and two children were examined. Of this number, 208 were referred for treatment. At the school clinic, 56 referrals were completed for a total of 176 operations.

Registration of pre-school children was held in May. Forty-four children were enrolled for entrance into the first grade.

Communicable diseases reported during the school year are as follows:

Measles	12
Chicken Pox	4

The Vision Testing program has been completed. There were 388 children tested, with 34 failing the re-test. Of this number, 16 received glasses, 11 received new lenses, while 7 did not report for further treatment.

The following is a report of the Hearing Testing program: There were 386 pupils who were tested. Notices were sent to the parents of the six who had failed the re-test. Three students were seen by an ear specialist, who confirmed a hearing loss. The remaining 3 did not report.

Projects planned for 1957 are:

Polio Clinic—Booster doses will be given to those who have already received two injections.

Polio Clinic—For the 15-20 age group who will be receiving their first injection.

Immunization Clinic—Series of injections will be given to those children who have not had any injections of the Diphtheria-Tetanus-Whooping Cough toxoid. Booster doses will be given to those who have had the series. It is recommended that each child receive a booster injection every two years up to high school age.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the school officials, teachers, parents and physicians for their cooperation in the School Health program.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R.N.

Visiting Nurse

Members of the Board of Directors of the H. V. N. A. are as follows:

President, Mrs. Henry S. Labbee; Vice President, Mrs. William Sheehan; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. John Cantwell.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: Mr. Gordon Woodward, Chairman; Mrs. Henry Kugler, Mrs. Charles A. Labbee.

Nursing Advisory: Mrs. Robert C. Byrne, Chairman; Mrs. Arthur Fitzgerald, Mrs. Edna Beattie.

Publicity: Miss Margaret Ryan, Chairman; Mrs. William Podmayer.

Volunteer: Mrs. Kenneth Jackimeczyk, Chairman; Mrs. Thomas Wickles, Mrs. William F. Englehart.

Medical Advisory: Dr. R. C. Byrne, Dr. Alfred Kaiser, Joseph Wendolowski, Jr.

Caring for the sick, and furthering health in the home, the position of the Visiting Nurse has always been one of vital importance. Now, however, with shortages of hospital beds, and the modern medical practice of sending patients home early from the hospital, the need for her services is greater than ever.

She visits young mothers who return home with babies only a few days old and provides care and advice that will help the healthiest mother and baby. She

gives essential care to patients with long term illness, enabling them to go home earlier and thus releasing hospital beds for acutely ill patients. At home, with public health nursing care, these patients often show great improvement. Elderly people used to be relegated to chimney corners, but now they have become problems in geriatrics—problems that your public health nurse knows a great deal about.

In addition to these expanded duties, your Visiting Nurse carries out an increasing number of community-wide services to protect and improve the health of all. She explains the need for immunization, X-ray examination, proper nutrition, child care, adequate sanitation, and other health measures. She assists the private physician by helping his patients carry out his instructions for regaining health.

Mrs. Lucille Godek, the Visiting Nurse, made 444 visits to homes this year, giving approximately 55 hours of nursing service, much of which is devoted to bedside nursing. Some of these calls were on recipients of public assistance, and from these 89 calls, no reimbursement was received. Two Polio Clinics were held, one in April, at which 93 pre-school children received vaccine, and one in August at which 109 pre-school children were treated. The vaccine is provided free to the children by the Board of Health. A Well Child Clinic was held May 8 and 9, at which time 50 children were examined by Dr. Fredrika P. Smith. Mrs. N. James Schoonmaker was nutritionist.

EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS FOR 1956

Receipts:

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1956	\$ 225.43
Visiting Nurse Receipts	181.00
Town	1,250.00

Total Receipts

\$1,656.43

Expenses:

Nurse's Salary	\$1,300.00
Social Security	26.00
Mileage	106.04
Clerical	25.00
Telephone	8.91

Total Expenses

1,467.86**Balance as of January 1, 1957**

\$ 188.57

Respectfully submitted,

ELOISE M. LABBEE, Pres.,

Hatfield Visiting Nursing Assn.

School Lunch

To the School Committee of Hatfield:

During the past year the School Lunch program has continued to serve the pupils of the schools with a high quality hot noon lunch at a very reasonable cost.

It has been the purpose of the program during the past year to make improvements in the service of the program by offering varied and more appetizing menus to the children.

During the year, due to increased costs, it was necessary to raise the per lunch cost to twenty cents. It is well to note that although our per lunch costs increased, this program is still charging about five cents per lunch less than practically all the lunch programs which are in operation.

During the year the policy of publishing the menus of the program in the daily papers was established. The menus for the following week can usually be found in either the Saturday or Monday daily paper. The menus are also posted in the classrooms at the beginning of each week.

The procedure of shared responsibility by pupils for some of the lunchroom activities has proven quite successful and is a valuable learning experience for the children.

At the time of the leave of absence granted Mr. Jenness from the Hatfield Schools, Mrs. Marie P. Sheehan was appointed Authorized Agent for the lunch program and in this capacity is responsible for the accounting and records system of the program. The over-all directorship of the program was turned over to the Superintendent of Schools, with Mrs. Hazel Roberts retaining her duties, responsibilities and title previously held by her of Supervisor.

The financial account of the lunch program can be found in the Town Accountant's reports, which appear in another section of this Town Report.

The following is an accounting of the number of lunches served during the past year:

Month	Days Lunch Served	No. of Lunches Served
January	21	6,559
February	16	4,927
March	21	5,727
April	16	4,420
May	22	5,807
June	11	2,805
September	18	5,900
October	21	6,742
November	18	5,661
December	15	5,104
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.,

Director, Hatfield School Lunch.

HATFIELD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1956

	Elementary Grades								Elem. Total	H. S. Grades				H. S. Total	Total All Grades
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12		
1951	35	38	35	36	28	18	22	22	234	25	26	20	17	88	322
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21	256	18	25	21	20	84	340
1953	54	44	29	38	31	35	25	21	277	20	16	26	19	81	358
1954	38	54	42	32	38	34	38	26	302	21	20	16	23	80	382
1955	49	33	51	41	29	37	32	36	308	24	21	18	15	78	386
1956	42	53	33	54	41	28	39	32	322	32	23	20	17	92	414

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PREDICTED ENROLLMENT CHART

Based on October 1, 1956, Census of in-school and pre-school children

	Elementary Grades								Elem. Total	H. S. Grades				H. S. Total	Total All Grades
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12		
1956	42	53	33	54	41	28	39	32	322	32	23	20	17	92	414
1957	49	42	53	33	54	41	28	39	339	32	32	23	20	107	446
1958	41	49	42	53	33	54	41	28	341	39	32	32	23	126	467
1959	43	41	49	42	53	33	54	41	356	28	39	32	32	131	487
1960	35	43	41	49	42	53	33	54	350	41	28	39	32	140	490
1961	48	35	43	41	49	42	53	33	344	54	41	28	39	162	506
1962	*49	49	35	43	41	49	42	53	**361	33	54	41	28	156	517

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*Resident births and transfers as of December 31, 1956

**Includes *

SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1956

	Boys	Girls	Total
From age 5 to 7	40	52	92
From age 7 to 16	180	174	354
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	220	226	446

Comparative Totals for Seven-Year Period

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
From age 5 to 7	62	68	88	115	109	90	92
From age 7 to 16	255	259	266	259	291	319	354
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	317	327	354	374	400	409	446

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1956

Regular Day School

Regular Day School		
Appropriation for support	\$105,000.00	
Unexpended balance—returned to Surplus Cash	115.91	
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Total Expenditures		\$104,884.09
Credits: Reimbursements received		
General School Fund Chapter 70)	\$18,945.00	
Transportation (Chapter 71)	4,806.25	
Vocational Agriculture (High School)	2,661.23	
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Total Reimbursement for Regular Day School		\$ 26,412.48

Vocational Tuition and Transportation

Vocational Tuition and Transportation		
Appropriation for support	\$ 2,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	981.77	
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Total support	\$ 3,481.77	
Credits: Total Expenditures		
Vocational tuition	\$ 816.51	\$ 3,481.77
Vocational School pupil trans- portation	244.37	
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Total reimbursements for Vocational Tuition and Transportation		\$1,060.88

ESTIMATES OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE TOWN OF HATFIELD ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1957

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Regular Day Schools

Chapter 70 \$ 18,250.00

Chapter 71 4,500.00

Vocational Agriculture 2,600.00

Total Estimated Reimbursements

Regular Day School \$ 25,350.00

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Vocational Tuition and Transportation 1,000.00

Total Estimated Reimbursement

All Education \$ 26,350.00

SCHOOL BUDGET OF 1956

1956 Approp.	Classification Salaries	1956 Expended
\$ 42,500.00	Elementary	\$ 42,478.52
26,405.00	Secondary	26,744.00
2,560.00	Music, Art, Penmanship	2,067.28
4,300.00	Vocational	2,212.53
200.00	Work Certificates	80.25
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\$ 75,965.00		\$ 73,582.58

Textbooks and Supplies

\$ 3,000.00	Elementary	\$ 2,852.86
1,000.00	Secondary	2,056.58
250.00	Vocational, High School	118.84
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\$ 4,250.00		\$ 5,028.28

Custodians' Salaries

\$ 2,900.00	Elementary	\$ 2,900.00
2,700.00	Secondary	2,700.00
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\$ 5,600.00		\$ 5,600.00

Fuel

\$ 1,700.00	Elementary	\$ 1,796.70
900.00	Secondary	876.67
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\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,673.37

Miscellaneous Operational

(Lights, Janitorial Supplies)

\$ 900.00	Elementary	\$ 952.97
400.00	Secondary	642.18
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\$ 1,300.00		\$ 1,595.15

Plant Maintenance

\$ 700.00	Center School	\$ 1,137.00
100.00	School Street School	59.03
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\$ 800.00		\$ 1,196.03

School Health

\$ 1,500.00	Salary of Nurse	\$ 1,500.00
100.00	Supplies (expense)	41.64
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\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,541.64

Transportation

\$ 6,900.00	Regular	\$ 7,071.50
500.00	Other	287.95
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\$ 7,400.00		\$ 7,359.45

Physical Education

\$ 100.00	Towels	\$ 118.05
75.00	Supplies	84.75
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\$ 175.00		\$ 202.80

Miscellaneous

\$ 1,000.00	Education, Crippled Children	\$ 690.50
420.00	Athletic Insurance	412.30
110.00	General Insurance	88.12
	Other	53.08
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\$ 1,530.00		\$ 1,244.00

Vo-Ag Power

\$ 50.00		\$ 45.00
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Administration

\$ 2,100.00	Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,966.72
200.00	Expenses	202.03
400.00	Postage, Tel. Office Supplies	477.85
300.00	Clerk	324.50
50.00	Census	50.00
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\$ 3,050.00		\$ 3,021.10

New Equipment

\$ 550.00		\$ 1,677.13
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Graduations

\$ 130.00		\$ 117.56
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\$105,000.00	TOTAL	\$104,884.09

HATFIELD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Budget Comparison 1956-1957

Category No.	ACCOUNT TITLE	1956 Appro- ation	1957 Re- quest	+ or — Differ- ence
Instr.—Teach. Staff				
1	Elementary	\$42,500.00	\$49,120	+ 6,620
2	Secondary	26,405.00	29,390	+ 2,985
3	Music, Art, Penmanship	2,560.00	2,175	— 385
4	Vocational	4,300.00	none	— 4,300
5	Work Certificates	200.00	200	none
Instr.—Books, Supplies				
6	Elementary	3,000.00	3,350	+ 350
7	Secondary	1,000.00	1,615	+ 615
8	Secondary, Vocational	250.00	none	— 250
Janitors' Services				
9	Elementary	2,900.00	3,150	+ 250
10	Secondary	2,700.00	2,950	+ 250
Fuel				
11	Elementary	1,700.00	1,900	+ 200
12	Secondary	900.00	900	none
Miscellaneous Operational				
13	Elementary	900.00	900	none
14	Secondary	400.00	500	+ 100
Plant Maintenance				
15	Center School	700.00	800	+ 100
16	School Street School	100.00	100	none
School Health				
17	Salary of Nurse	1,500.00	1,600	+ 100
18	Supplies	100.00	75	— 25
Transportation				
19	Regular Daily	6,900.00	7,295	+ 395
20	Athletic and Other	500.00	500	none

Physical Education

21 Towels	100.00	100	none
22 Supplies	75.00	100	+ 25

Miscellaneous

23 Ed. of Crippled Children	1,000.00	600	— 400
24 Athletic Insurance	420.00	420	none
25 General Insurance	110.00	60	— 50
26 Other, Liability			
Theft & Misc.		95	+ 95

Administration

27 Superintendent's Salary	2,100.00	2,100	none
28 Expense	200.00	300	+ 100
29 Postage, Tel., Office Sup.	400.00	525	+ 125
30 Clerk	300.00	300	none
31 Census	50.00	50	none
32 New Equipment	550.00	2,200	+ 1,650
33 Graduations	130.00	130	none
TOTAL	\$105,000.00	\$113,500	

SCHOOL BUDGET ESTIMATE

1957

General Control	\$ 2,900.00
Instruction	86,210.00
Operation	10,675.00
Maintenance and Repair	900.00
Capital Outlay	2,200.00
Other Agencies	10,615.00
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Total Budget Estimate

\$113,500.00

Category
Number
Reference
1956
Budget

General Control

27	Superintendent's Salary	\$ 2,100.00
28	Superintendent's Expenses	150.00
29	Office Expenses	100.00
31	Census	50.00
5	Work Certificates	200.00
30	Clerk	300.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 2,900.00

Instruction

Salaries:

1	Elementary Salaries	\$ 49,120.00
2	Secondary Salaries	29,390.00
23	Instruction—Crippled Children	600.00
3	Penmanship, Art, Music	2,175.00

Elementary, Instructional Supplies, Texts, etc.:

6	Elementary—instructional supplies	3,000.00
28	Elementary—principal's expenses	50.00
6	Elementary—A. V. Aids	150.00
29	Elementary—Office expenses	50.00

Secondary, Instructional Supplies, Texts, etc.:

7	Secondary—instructional supplies	1,300.00
28	Secondary—principal's expenses	50.00
7-25	D. E.—Insurance, Supplies, Trans. (7—\$115; 25—\$60)	175.00
7	Secondary—A. V. Aids	100.00
	Secondary—Office expenses	50.00

TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 86,210.00
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Operation

9	Elementary—Jantior's Salary	\$3,150.00
10	Secondary—Janitor's Salary	2,950.00
11	Elementary Fuel	1,900.00
12	Secondary Fuel	900.00
13	Misc. Operational—Elementary	900.00
14	Misc. Operational—Secondary	400.00
14	Town Hall—Janitor's Supplies	100.00
29	Telephone Service—Elementary	175.00
29	Telephone Service—Secondary	200.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 10,675.00

Maintenance and Repairs

15	Center School	\$ 800.00
16	School Street School	100.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 900.00

Capital Outlay

32	New Equipment	\$ 2,200.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 2,200.00

Other Agencies

19	Transportation	\$ 7,295.00
20	Transportation—Athletic	500.00
17	Salary of Nurse	1,600.00
18	Health Supplies	75.00
6	School Library—Elementary	200.00
7	School Library—Secondary	100.00
21-22	Physical Education—towels, supplies (21—\$100; 22—\$100)	200.00
24	Athletic Insurance	420.00

33	Graduation—Elementary, Secondary	130.00
26	Insurance—Liability, etc.	45.00
26	Miscellaneous	50.00
TOTAL		<hr/> \$ 10,615.00
Total Budget Estimate		<hr/> \$113,500.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956 - 1957

1956

- Sept. 4 Staff meeting.
- Sept. 5 Schools open with full sessions.
- Oct. 5 Teachers' Convention.
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day—schools closed.
- Nov. 12 Veteran's Day—schools closed.
- Nov. 20 Elementary Schools close for Thanksgiving holidays.
- Nov. 21 High School closes for Thanksgiving holidays.
- Nov. 26 Schools reopen.
- Dec. 21 Schools close for Christmas holidays.

1957

- Jan. 2 Schools reopen.
- Feb. 15 Schools close for winter vacation.
- Feb. 25 Schools reopen.
- April 12 Schools close for spring vacation. Senior class trip.
- April 22 Schools reopen.
- May 30 Schools close for Memorial Day.
- June 12 Cafeteria closes.
- June 13 Elementary School closes at noon for summer vacation.
- June 14 High School closes at noon for summer vacation.

Elementary School Days—178.

High School Days—180.

Approved by the Committee

Director of Accounts

March 13, 1956

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr., Chairman,
Hatfield, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Herman B. Dine,
Director of Accounts,
Dept. of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The ledger accounts were analyzed; the receipts as recorded were checked with the treasurer's records of receipts; and the payments were compared with the approved treasury warrants. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting proceedings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee; and the other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions originated. A balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1955.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which

money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the selectmen. The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on January 28, 1956 was approved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal taxes, the county retirement system, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were examined and checked. The deductions were listed; the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue, the county treasurer, and the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., were verified; and the balances in the general treasury on January 28, 1956 were proved.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified by comparison with the treasurer's record of receipts and with the accountant's records.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked with the commitment lists; the payments to the treasurer were verified; the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted; the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's

ledger controls; and the cash on hand January 28, 1956 was proved by actual count.

It is recommended that a determined effort be made to obtain settlement of the past due tax and excise accounts which date back to 1952.

The appropriations voted by the town were listed from the records of the town clerk and compared with the aggregate amount raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate for 1955.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts from dog and sporting licenses, as well as from gasoline storage renewals, were checked with the records of licenses and permits issued. The payments to the town treasurer and the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand January 28, 1956 was proved by actual count.

The receipts for licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the chief of police were checked with the records of licenses and permits granted, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 28, 1956 was proved by actual count.

The recorded receipts from court fines were proved with the records of the district court.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the record of work performed, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts for the use of town-owned highway equipment were compared with the highway department's records of charges made for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 highway work.

The records of accounts receivable of the inspector of slaughtering and of the public welfare, highway, veterans' services, and cemetery departments were examined and checked. The charges were listed and compared with the accountant's record of commitments; the reported payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts; the abatements were verified; and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The records for the rental of town property were examined. The charges were listed and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the school nurse pertaining to dental clinic receipts were examined. The collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The accounts of the school lunch program were examined and checked. The receipts from the sale of lunches and from Federal and State reimbursements were listed, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts from the sale of tickets for athletics events in connection with the athletic program were checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the librarian pertaining to collections for overdue or lost books were audited, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked. The charges for the use of water and for miscellaneous services were checked and compared with the commitments reported to the town accountant. The collections and abatements, as recorded, were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger. The cash on hand January 28, 1956 was proved by actual count.

The outstanding tax, excise, water, and departmental accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the several trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from the several town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

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The Athenian Oath



We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect in those above us who are prone to annul or set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty, thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

Town Officers for 1957

SELECTMEN

Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr., Chm.

Philip Z. Maiewski

John J. Fortsch

MODERATOR

Gordon A. Woodward

TOWN CLERK

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN TREASURER

Peter S. Rogaleski

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mitchell W. Kempisty, Chm.

John W. Mullins, Jr.

Lewis G. Wendolowski

TAX COLLECTOR

Thomas L. Mullany

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eugene F. Proulx, Chm.

Henry F. Kulesza

Arthur E. Fitzgerald

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Rupert Harubin, Chm.

Michael Yanginski

Stanley Sliwoski

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Luther A. Belden, Chm.

Henry W. Wolfram

John P. McLeod

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A. Cory Bardwell, Chm.

Edward T. Kostek

Sarah V. Kiley

ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH

Frank T. Woodward

TREE WARDEN

Francis E. Godin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George J. Zgrodnik, Chm.

Luther A. Belden

William E. Boyle

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Howard B. Abbott, Chm.

Joseph J. Pelc

Edward T. Kostek

Peter S. Rogaleski

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude B. Rogaleski

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Francis E. Godin

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTER

William J. Sheehan

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Myron Sikorski

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF WATER RENTS

Stanley J. Filipek

WELFARE AGENT

John Skarzynski

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Thomas P. Mullins

WOOD SURVEYORS

Henry Donnis

Edward T. Kostek

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Michael M. Majeskey

Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

John Brennan

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry Sliwoski

DOG OFFICER

Henry Sliwoski

CONSTABLES

Henry Sliwoski

James E. McGrath

Joseph S. Wilkes

Henry Kosakowski

Stanley J. Filipek

John Brennan

Peter Kubosiak

Mitchell Kempisty

POLICE OFFICERS

Francis Godin	Stanley Prucnal
Anthony Malinowski	Peter Backiel
Peter Malinowski	George Omasta
Stanley Malinowski	Simeon M. Bourdon
William Podmayer	Kenneth Carpenter

FIRE CHIEF

Arthur E. Smith

FIREFIGHTERS**Main Street Station**

Arthur Brassord, Asst. Chief	Henry Szych
Francis McGrath, Capt.	Frank Sikorski, Jr.
Raymond Balise, Lt.	John Besko, Jr.
Joseph Wendlowski	Francis Bryant
John Fortsch	Frank Kochan, Jr.
Alfred Proulx	John Pelis, Jr.
Francis Godin	Edward Skarpetowski
Bernard Pelis	Thomas Mullany
Bernard Show	William Boyle
Joseph Krawczyk	Marcus Boyle
Henry Kosakowski	Peter Kubosiak
John Gizienksi	James Mullins
Edward Kempisty	Sidney Carl
Frank Filipek	Kenneth Balise
Henry Skorupski	Frank Zawacki

North Hatfield

Charles Belden, Capt.	Clifford Belden, Jr.
Steve Duga, Lt.	Louis Kubilis
Philip Maiewski	Edward Wroblewski
Michael Omasta	Teddy Smiarowski
Herman Southard	Ralph Pickett

Richard Belden

**TOWN OF HATFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

Incorporated 1670

Area — 8900 Acres

Elevation — 132 Feet at Main Street

Population 1955 Census — 2236

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Second Hampshire District

Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.
Chesterfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Franklin and Hampshire District

Ralph C. Mahar
Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

Edward P. Boland
Springfield, Mass.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett J. Saltonstall
Dover, Mass.

John F. Kennedy
Boston, Mass.

Selectmen's Warrant

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hatfield in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Memorial Town Hall in said Hatfield on Monday, the 17th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1, and to meet at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all other articles.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; one Selectman for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for one year; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Water Commissioners for three years; one member of the Library Trustees for three years; Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for one year; one member of the Cemetery Commissioners for three years.

The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

Article 2. To hear and discuss all reports or subjects which have to do with the welfare of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, and amendments thereto.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$320.82 received from the Dog Fund to the Library Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the revised list of Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds and other Trust Funds as per the town treasurer's report.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the current expenses of the financial year and set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,978.83 as allocated by the actuary and certified by the county commissioners to the Town of Hatfield under the provisions of Chapter 32, General Laws, as amended and pay said amount to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System.

3500.82
3290.82

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00, for the improvement of Chapter 90 highways, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00, the state and county share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state and county, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state and county share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state under the provisions of Chapter 81, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00, the town's share, and to appropriate the sum of \$13,750.00, the state's share, in anticipation of reimbursement from the state, the town's share to be raised by taxation and the state's share to be taken from surplus revenue and returned to same when reimbursement is received, or act anything thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the county and state under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$3,100.00, the town's share, for new construction on Main Street, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to co-operate with the state and county under the provisions of Chapter 90, General Laws, and to appropriate from the monies received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, the sum of \$12,541.74, the town's share, for a new bridge on Chestnut Street, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Machinery Fund, the sum of \$3,000.00, said sum together with the trade-in value of the 1953 Chevrolet two-ton dump truck, to be used to purchase a new two-ton dump truck for the highway department, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$450.00 for a Dental Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for a Well Child Clinic, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,250.00 for the support of a Visiting Nurse, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for Dike Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 for Fence Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$500.00 for Bridge Repairs, or act anything thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$200.00 to paint the town barn, or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for Civil Defense, or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 for reconstructing the sidewalk on the easterly side of Main Street from the Hatfield Business Center building in a northerly direction, or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer under the provisions of Section 64, Chapter 44, General Laws, for unpaid bills of previous years as follows: Water Department \$1,403.30; Library \$68.63; and Tax Collector's Expense \$115.00, or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept Section 8A of Chapter 40, General Laws, in order to establish a Development and Industrial Commission, or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 7A to 7E inclusive of Chapter 649, Acts of 1955, amending Chapter 58, General Laws, and petition the commission for the installation of an assessment system in the Town of Hatfield for the purpose of equalizing the assessments, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 81A to 81GG of Chapter 41, General Laws, to establish a Planning Board and an Improved Method of Municipal Planning, or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$500.00 to help Hadley to celebrate its 300th Anniversary, or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to have an overall survey made of its sewerage system by an engineering firm and authorize said firm to apply to the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Federal Government for advance on plans, or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 for the construction of a sewer on Prospect Street, from the corner of Chestnut and Prospect Streets approximately 2,000 feet in a northerly directly, or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 for the continuation of the North Street sewer approximately 282 feet in a northerly direction and the King Street sewer to be extended in a westerly directly approximately 386 feet until these two said sewers meet, or act anything thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 for the construction of a sewer on School Street approximately 1600 feet in a westerly direction from the residence of Stanley Piankoski and to join it with the existing sewer at the residence of John Cantwell and to maintain said existing sewer, or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to establish a School Building Committee of seven members to prepare plans for additional school facilities, or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 to defray

the expenses of the School Building Committee and the preparation of preliminary plans by architects, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five public place in the Town of Hatfield, seven days before time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR.

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI

JOHN J. FORTSCH

Selectmen of Hatfield

Report of Finance Committee

Account	1957 Approp.	Amount Spent	1958 Requested	Recom- mended
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Moderator, Jan. 1, 1958	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. Selectmen's Salaries, Jan. 1, 1958	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
3. Selectmen's Expense	200.00	196.31	200.00	200.00
4. Selectmen's Clerk	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5. Accountant's Salary	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
6. Accountant's Expense	125.00	119.69	150.00	150.00
7. Treasurer's Salary, Jan. 1, 1958	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
8. Treasurer's Expense	575.00	571.60	575.00	575.00
9. Tax Collector's Salary, Jan. 1, 1958	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
10. Tax Collector's Expense	650.00	650.00	750.00	650.00
11. Assessors' Salaries, Jan. 1, 1958	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
12. Assessors' Expense	400.00	391.35	400.00	400.00
13. Attorney's Fees	200.00	200.00	300.00	300.00

14.	Town Clerk's Salary, Jan. 1, 1958	1,775.00	1,775.00	1,775.00
15.	Town Clerk's Expense	350.00	350.00	350.00
16.	Election & Registration	875.00	873.24	975.00
17.	Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00	10.00
18.	Town Hall	6,000.00	5,982.94	6,500.00
19.	Police	3,000.00	2,955.81	3,000.00
20.	Fire Department	3,000.00	2,997.21	3,500.00
21.	Tree Work	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,000.00
22.	Moth & Dutch Elm	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
23.	Sealer of Weights & Meas. Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
24.	Sealer of Weights & Meas. Expense	100.00	99.29	100.00
25.	Public Health	500.00	308.47	500.00
26.	School Physician	400.00	400.00	400.00
27.	Insp. of Animals & Slaughter	360.00	360.00	180.00
28.	Insp. Children, Immunization	250.00	202.92	250.00
29.	Insp. Children, Tuberculosis	75.00	.....	75.00
30.	Highway, General	7,000.00	7,091.39	7,000.00
31.	Highway, Chapter 81	8,500.00	.....	8,500.00

32.	Highway, Chapter 81, from Surplus Revenue	13,750.00	22,095.81	*13,750.00	13,750.00
33.	Highway, Chapter 90 Maint.	1,300.00	.....	1,300.00	1,300.00
34.	Highway, Chapter 90 Maint. from Surplus Revenue	2,600.00	3,895.03	*2,600.00	2,600.00
35.	Machinery Operating	3,000.00	3,453.68	3,000.00	3,000.00
36.	Street Lights	4,500.00	4,326.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
37.	Public Welfare	3,000.00	684.47	4,000.00	1,000.00
38.	Disability Assistance	3,000.00	2,945.27	4,000.00	3,000.00
39.	Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	1,409.69	3,500.00	1,000.00
40.	Old Age Assistance	17,000.00	13,225.53	20,000.00	15,000.00
41.	Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00	1,448.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
42.	School Committee Expense	200.00	199.17	200.00	200.00
43.	Schools	113,500.00	112,906.67	124,604.00	122,604.00
44.	Vocational School Tuition and Transportation	3,500.00	4,393.70	6,971.52	4,500.00
45.	Library	3,000.00	3,180.32	4,635.00	3,500.00
46.	Memorial Day	350.00	224.40	350.00	300.00
47.	Care of Town Clock	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
48.	Print & Deliver Town Reports	600.00	520.00	650.00	650.00

49.	Telephone	275.00	261.77	275.00	275.00
50.	Unclassified	100.00	97.10	200.00	200.00
51.	Binding Town Records	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
52.	Insurance	5,000.00	4,788.76	5,000.00	5,000.00
53.	Reserve Fund	7,000.00	3,693.70	*7,000.00	7,000.00
54.	Water Comm. Salaries, Jan. 1, 1958				
	Chairman	250.00			
	2 Members @	175.00			
55.	Water Department	600.00	600.00	*600.00	600.00
	Water Av. Surpl.	4,000.00			
	Approp.	3,000.00			
56.	Cemeteries	7,000.00	6,998.31	*11,700.00	7,000.00
57.	Tree Warden, Jan. 1, 1958 \$1.75 hr.	900.00	929.11	900.00	900.00
58.	Water Main Loans from Water Av. Surplus	10,000.00	10,000.00	*10,000.00	10,000.00
59.	Int., Water Loans from Water Av. Surplus	1,179.50	1,179.50	*975.50	975.50

Selectmen's Report

To Our Fellow Citizens:

We respectfully submit our annual report covering the activities of the board and other items of interest for the past year.

Because of the increase in equipment acquired by the Town in recent years, some of it had to be stored out of doors. To protect this equipment, the Frank Zawacki barn in the rear of the town barn was rented to store it.

We met on two different occasions with army engineers relative to flood control. There is washing away of the Connecticut River bank at the high tension crossings and also a condition exists in the North Street area during high water. We hope that in the near future steps can be taken to correct these conditions.

The Board deemed it a pleasure in taking an active part in sponsoring an occasion to honor the championship Smith Academy basketball team.

The insurance on town buildings has been raised to meet the requirements of the 80% clause. Under this clause the town receives much more protection for each dollar spent on insurance.

After inspection by the Department of Public Safety of the Center School, it was found that much needed repairs were absolutely necessary and the Department demanded these repairs, or the school would be condemned for use. A special town meeting was held and \$25,000.00 was raised for the repairs necessary to comply with the demands of the department.

The Board made two trips to Taunton for acquiring needed equipment for civil defense. This equipment is available to the different departments in the town, such as the time the water department used 2,700 feet of hose to increase the water supply during the dry spell last summer. The equipment was purchased at a fraction of the original cost.

During the past year it was found that two of the bridges in town were unsafe. Because of this it was necessary for the Board to make trips to Boston in order to speed up paper work on one project and to obtain funds for the other. We were able to advance the date on the awarding of the contract for Chapter 90 new construction on Main Street. It was our hope that the bridge on this project would be replaced before heavy winter set in. But because of construction difficulties we are sorry to say it has yet not been done.

On the Chestnut Street bridge we are awaiting the completion of the engineering work so that the job can be let out. This bridge will be financed by Chapter 718, Acts of 1956 monies of \$12,541.74, matching fund from state \$12,500.00, and county aid \$1,000.00.

Material was bought to make drapes and cover transoms in the town hall. The selectmen and town clerk with their wives donated their time to do the work.

We take this opportunity to thank all town officials and citizens for their advice and assistance in the conduct of town affairs during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH J. WENDLOWSKI, JR., Chm.

PHILIP Z. MAIEWSKI

JOHN J. FORTSCH

Selectmen

SCHOOL PERSONNEL SALARIES

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.	\$ 6,100.00
Marie P. Sheehan	1,115.90
Margaret DeCarolis	3,300.00
George E. Rudzik	
Elizabeth Brassord	
Frances Celatka	3,400.00
Eleanor Stenglein	
Ann Labbee	
John M. Gallagher, Jr.	3,500.00
Marjorie Ryack	
Margaret Pruzynski	3,600.00
Lena Fitzgerald	
Helen Kostek	
Hilda Fortsch	3,700.00
Martha Boyle	4,000.00
Mary E. Ryan	4,100.00
Mary Spakowski	4,300.00
Jean Kempisty	4,400.00
John Symancyk	
Florence Muller	
John Skarzynski	4,450.00
Dorothy Breor	4,800.00
Esther Norris	1,100.00
Lucille Godek	1,600.00
Stanley Piankowski	2,950.00
Chester Celatka	3,150.00

List of Jurors

1.	Clifford L. Belden, Jr.	Farmer
2.	Frank J. Betsold	Carpenter
3.	Arthur J. Brassord	Mechanic
4.	Edward A. Breor	Retired
5.	Edith Celatka	Housewife
6.	Joseph Dippolt	Farmer
7.	Stephen Duga, Jr.	Carpenter
8.	Charles J. Eberlein, Jr.	Plumber
9.	Dorothy Englehardt	Housewife
10.	Inza B. Hilyard	Housewife
11.	Helen Hojnoski	Organist
12.	Zygmunt S. Jaworski	Restaurateur
13.	Alice Kacinski	Housewife
14.	Jane Kobylinski	Housewife
15.	Edward P. Korza	Machinist
16.	Peter Kubosiak	Farmer
17.	John W. Mullins	Farmer
18.	Robert J. McGrath, 2nd	Tobacco Worker
19.	George Omasta	Farmer
20.	Edward Porada	Farmer
21.	Alfred B. Proulx	Attendant
22.	Gertrude B. Rogaleski	Housewife
23.	Terry C. Smiarowski	Farmer
24.	W. Robert Thayer	Farmer
25.	Michael J. Yarrows	Farmer

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS

1957

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Male	20	21	6
Female	20		8
	—	—	—
Total	40	21	14

Preceding Five Years

1956	47	23	19
1955	45	33	17
1954	40	33	31
1953	43	17	23
1952	36	32	20

Highest Rate

1916	124		
1946		61	
1922			50

LICENSES

	Dog	Fish & Game
1957	181	363
1956	189	371
1955	198	375
1954	149	369
1953	117	367

Licenses	Number	Amount
Junk	2	\$ 16.00
Auto Dealer	2	50.00
Sale of Firearms	2	2.00
Cabin	4	2.00
Milk & Oleo	11	5.50
Lord's Day	12	60.00
Common Victualler	12	60.00
Fruit & Vegetable	1	8.00
Sunday Entertainment	3	15.00
Gasoline Registration	7	3.50
Pedlar's License	2	3.00
Liquor Licenses	15	5,800.00
Second Hand Articles	2	50.00
Auctioneer	2	4.00
Beer Permit	1	2.50
Ice Cream Mfr.	1	1.00
Egg Canning	1	25.00
Pin Ball	3	60.00

ELECTIONS

Registered Voters, January 1, 1957	1,274
Voted at Annual Town Meeting, February 18, 1957	724
Registered Voters, December 31, 1957	1,244

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 28, 1957

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$25,000.00 for Repairs to the Center School Building Roof and other repairs as ordered by the state building inspector, or act anything thereon.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$25,000.00 for Repairs to the Center School Building Roof and other repairs as ordered by the state building inspector.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$258.70 for Unpaid Bills of the Water Department for previous years, under the provisions of Section 64, Chapter 44, General Laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$258.70 for Unpaid Bills of the Water Department for previous years under the provisions of Section 64, Chapter 44, General Laws. Unanimous vote. Yes 19 — No 0.

Attest:

PETER S. ROGALESKI

Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Peter S. Rogaleski, Treasurer

In Account With The Town of Hatfield

Cash on Hand January 1, 1957 \$127,623.27

Receipts for 1957:

January	\$ 21,971.78	
February	6,178.43	
March	27,120.07	
April	5,424.57	
May	26,986.34	
June	25,012.25	
July	14,743.64	
August	41,677.43	
September	31,283.58	
October	65,459.40	
November	51,595.88	
December	57,707.92	
	<hr/>	\$375,161.29
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		\$502,784.56
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Payments per Warrants:

January	\$ 10,653.49
February	21,773.41
March	23,786.12
April	27,065.46
May	22,317.74
June	26,390.43

July	32,854.28	
August	41,207.82	
September	35,632.68	
October	56,402.56	
November	29,487.01	
December	49,185.21	
	<hr/>	376,756.21
Cash on Hand December 31, 1957		126,028.35
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		\$502,784.56
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PETER S. ROGALESKI

Treasurer

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE AND OTHER FUNDS

	1957	1957	1957
	Income	Withdrawal	Balance
Hannah W. Smith	\$16.01	\$7.25	\$245.07
J. D. Brown	3.01	3.01	100.00
Lewis S. Dyer	3.04	3.04	101.00
Charles H. Waite	4.13	4.13	137.49
Charles M. Billings	4.53	4.53	150.00
James Porter	3.29	3.29	109.51
Fannie M. Burke	3.33	3.33	110.82
Chas. S. Shattuck	3.33	3.33	110.63
Seth W. Kingsley	3.29	3.29	109.45
Reuben Belden	3.01	3.01	100.00
Theo Porter	3.19	3.19	106.18
Charles L. Graves	3.19	3.19	106.22
Augusta Beals	6.25	6.25	207.29
B. M. Warner	6.25	6.25	207.42
Henry Batcheller	3.04	3.04	101.26
Reuben H. Belden	3.04	3.04	101.00
Edwin H. Eldridge	6.04	6.04	200.67
David Wells	3.01	3.01	100.00
Otis Wells	4.53	4.53	150.00
Carrie L. Graves	3.01	3.01	100.00
Harriet S. Marsh	6.16	6.16	204.35
Clarence E. Belden	3.01	3.01	100.00
Alfred J. Bonneville	3.01	3.01	100.00

Roswell Billings	4.53	4.53	150.00
Houghton-Douglas	4.53	4.53	150.00
E. S. Warner	4.09	4.09	204.53
William Dougherty	1.24	1.24	251.56
Scott & Herman Harris	1.00	1.00	200.00
Mary E. Hubbard	3.01	3.01	100.00
Anthony Douglas	1.66	1.66	55.24
Caleb & Edgar Dickinson	6.04	6.04	200.00
E. C. Billings	17.95	17.95	620.27
Hugh McLeod	2.96	2.96	102.92
Lucius & Stearns Curtis	7.35	7.35	254.28
H. W. Carl	2.96	2.96	102.73
J. Franklin Knight	12.40	12.40	428.20
Silas Hubbard & J. Hastings	8.09	8.09	279.57
Levi Graves	4.61	4.61	159.00
Jonathan Graves	3.01	3.01	104.12
J. E. Porter	2.95	2.95	102.43
Chester Hastings	2.98	2.98	103.14
Frary-Gardner	2.90	2.90	100.57
Thaddeus & Solomon Graves	5.82	5.82	201.91
Samuel Field	4.34	4.34	150.53
Samuel Field	4.34	4.34	150.00
Alpheus Cowles	3.09	3.09	107.18
Daniel Allis	4.40	4.40	152.22
P. M. Wells	3.74	3.74	129.86
Benjamin Waite	2.62	2.62	90.91
Joseph D. Billings	2.96	2.96	102.92
Cooley Dickinson	3.74	3.74	129.63
Lemuel B. Field	3.15	3.15	109.18
Roswell Hubbard	2.98	2.98	103.54
Abby Dickinson	2.95	2.95	102.57
Rufus H. Cowles	3.21	3.21	111.44
Charles E. Hubbard	3.30	3.30	114.30
Luman M. Moore	5.80	5.80	200.64
Israel & Lucy Morton	9.29	9.29	321.39
Elijah Bardwell	11.62	11.62	401.90
Luther Wells	9.86	9.86	340.48
Oliver Warner	1.52	1.52	52.37
John H. Sanderson	3.03	3.03	105.44
Charles Smith	3.15	3.15	109.05
J. H. Howard	3.09	3.09	107.48
Conrad W. Wolfram	5.78	5.78	200.00
Henry R. Holden	5.78	5.78	200.00
Fannie Allis	5.78	5.78	200.00
Charles A. Byrne	4.34	4.34	150.00

N. T. Abels	5.78	5.78	200.00
Arthur C. Bardwell	4.34	4.34	150.00
Fred Schepp	2.17	2.17	75.00
Joseph Schepp	2.17	2.17	75.00
General Care Fund	22.15	22.15	765.29
John R. Sauergapf	4.34	4.34	150.00
Lorenzo Cutter	4.34	4.34	150.00
Roswell G. Billings	4.34	4.34	150.00
Charles Wight	2.90	2.90	100.00
General Care Fund	.29	.29	10.00
Stephen Omasta	4.34	4.34	150.00
G. Raymond Billings	5.78	5.78	200.00
Frederick A. Pease	4.34	4.34	150.00
Arthur Smith	2.90	2.90	100.00
Curtis Waite	2.90	2.90	100.00
Herman Harris	2.90	2.90	100.00
Harold J. Morse	4.34	4.34	150.00
John W. Darr	2.90	2.90	100.00
Adam Englehardt	7.24	7.24	250.00
Connie Liebl	5.07	5.07	175.00
George Marsh	5.78	5.78	200.00
R. M. Woods	5.78	5.78	200.00
Arthur Hodder	5.78	5.78	200.00
John Ondras & G. Fusek	2.90	2.90	100.00
John Osley, Sr.	2.90	2.90	100.00
Susie Yurik	2.90	2.90	100.00
John Bucala	2.90	2.90	100.00
George Strong	2.90	2.90	100.00
Lilla Carl Ryan (New Acct.)	3.92	3.92	200.00
H. W. Dickinson (New Acct.)	3.00	3.00	200.00
Martin Zapka (New Acct.)	1.25	1.25	100.00
Yura Fusek (New Acct.)	...	...	100.00
C. Mabel Barton (New Acct.)	200.00
John Podmayer (New Acct.)	100.00

\$450.18	\$441.42	\$16,172.15
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Hannah W. Smith—

Custody State Treasurer

300.00

\$16,472.15

Firemen's Relief Fund

2.41

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82.65

Interest Treasury Notes

1.95

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767.44

PETER S. ROGALESKI

Treasurer

Assessors' Report

Value of Assessed Land	\$1,105,690.00
Value of Assessed Buildings	2,211,400.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate	3,317,090.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property	238,205.00
Value of Assessed Personal Property and Real Estate	3,555,295.00
Tax Rate per Thousand	50.00
Number of Polls	729
Number of Horses	39
Number of Cattle	402
Number of Fowl	10,000
Number of Dwellings	623
Number of Acres	9,063
Town Appropriations	\$292,032.36
State Audit	886.25
State Parks and Reservations	797.48
County Tax	22,944.32
Overlay	9,347.52

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 24,488.65
Corporation Tax	11,866.16
Excise Tax	18,000.00
Licenses	5,000.00
Schools	8,000.00
Charities	2,000.00
Old Age	10,000.00
Interest on Taxes	400.00
Available Funds	65,380.40
Health and Sanitation	1,050.00

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

CHAP. 59, CIVIL LAWS

Church Property	\$107,650.00
Town Property	531,700.00
Smith Academy	60,000.00
Holy Trinity Cemetery	3,500.00
American Legion	4,000.00

MITCHELL KEMPISTY, Chm.

LEWIS WENDOLOWSKI

JOHN MULLINS, JR.

Police Report

I respectfully submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1957; also the number of arrests made in the Town of Hatfield:

Driving as to endanger	1
Speeding	10
Registry precautions	5
Passing school bus	1
Drunkenness	1
Committed state institution	1
Number of summons served	15
Accidents investigated	10
Dogs destroyed	2
All dog taxes paid	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SLIWOSKI

Chief of Police

Report of Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

With the aid of a Civil Defense water pump loaned to the Water Department from the M. W. D., the Water Department was able to avert a serious water shortage during cleaning and spraying operations at our large reservoir this past spring. While cleaning and spraying the reservoir for the green slime that forms on the bottom and sides, our town is being fed through a little six-inch pipe which is partly filled with rust from old age. This six-inch pipe cannot supply our ever growing town with adequate water during cleaning operations regardless of the amount of water available. This was the reason for pumping water from an adjacent stream, so the large reservoir could recover quicker, and the full use of our system be put into operation sooner. This water pumped from this stream was tested and approved by the Board of Public Health in Boston, and we were given a permit to pump water from this stream any time a shortage prevailed as we have water rights on any stream leading into Running Gutter Brook.

Due to the dry conditions that existed during the summer, the department was forced to put a ban on the use of water for purposes other than domestic.

Every two years the dams and spillways, and also the dikes of every reservoir, private or public, are inspected by the state at no cost to the town to see whether they are in good shape. The engineering firm of Thigh & Bond was hired by the County Commissioners to inspect our

reservoir and they found our spillway to be inadequate to cope with a heavy runoff. They recommended to make a larger spillway, thus making it necessary to raise the dike around the reservoir twelve inches. In the future, if money will be available, this project and the laying of a larger pipe from the small reservoir will have to be done.

With the town's growth and the ever increasing use of water, we aim some day to enlarge our storage capacity of the reservoir by two or three times the present amount, so that when we have a dry spell we will have a greater amount of water to rely on. At the present time our storage is about a million and a half gallons. During the dry and hot season our meter at the chlorinator was showing that we were using about three million gallons of water a week. If anything should happen to our feeder brook, we actually would have about two or three days' supply of water in the reservoir which we could draw. It was recommended by the Board of Public Health that we should look for another supply to boost our present one in case of prolonged dry weather.

Once again we ask new home builders to apply for their new service at least six months in advance so we can figure our budget closer.

We thank all the citizens for their utmost co-operation during the last dry spell for abiding with our request to conserve water, and hope, if in the future the same situation arises, they will be just as co-operative.

Respectfully submitted,

RUPERT HARUBIN
MICHAEL YANGINSKI
STANLEY J. SLIWOSKI

Water Commissioners

Report of Library Trustees

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the year of 1957, repairs and improvements of such vastness have taken place at the Hatfield Public Library, that we, the trustees, feel they should not go unmentioned. The major repairs and improvements include the following:

Repairs on slate roof, gutter and skylight.

Pointing up all brick as needed.

Repairs on front steps.

Replacement of broken sections of sidewalk.

Repair or replacement of windows and window frames as needed.

Installation of new lights in main entrance and downstairs hallway.

Replacement of asbestos on steam pipes and heating system in basement renewal of water line and installation of new closet tank.

New screens on windows in new addition.

Complete paint job inside and out.

Installation of new librarian's counter.

The successful completion of these repairs and improvements required many hours of making contacts, reviewing bids, visiting other libraries and closely supervising the actual work.

Many lesser jobs were done without cost by interested citizens and the trustees. Mention should be made of

our librarian, Mrs. Theresa Godin, and her two assistants, Mrs. John Cantwell and Mrs. Arthur Breor. Miss Church of the State Regional Library Center in Greenfield advised and helped in many ways. John Osley, Jr., and George Zgrodnik donated free use of their equipment and time to grade the library grounds and road. Bernard Donnis, Charles Belden, Clifford Belden, Jr., and a group of youngsters helped in the moving of hundreds of books. Special mention should go to Arthur C. Bardwell for his capable and willing assistance given at any time on any task. He raked and seeded down the library grounds in the fall.

The Library Committee, composed of delegates from our various clubs, canvassed the town to raise money for library furniture. From this group came a Library Furniture Committee, headed by Mrs. John Osley, Jr., who purchased library furniture in child and adult sizes. This is not only beautiful, but also durable.

The modernization of the North and South rooms, plus the addition of a beautiful new room which is under the supervision of a committee composed of Arthur C. Bardwell, John Mullins and Frank Kempisty, have given the people of Hatfield a library to be proud of.

The trustees feel that there are two outstanding jobs yet to be done to bring the building up to its full usefulness and beauty. They are the installation of new lights in the North and South rooms and the cleaning and painting of the upper room where antiques and other items of interest might be properly catalogued and displayed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CORY BARDWELL, Chairman
SARAH V. KILEY
EDWARD T. KOSTEK

The Library Trustees

Library Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

I am pleased to submit my 21st annual report as Librarian of the Hatfield Public Library.

The year 1957 has been one of the most successful in the history of the Library. This year brought the addition of a new reading room which has greatly improved the reading and reference facilities for adults and children alike.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I note the School Children using the reference books more frequently now that additional room has been allotted them so that they may study free from distraction.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Arthur C. Bardwell, whose generous donation of \$1,000 inspired the townspeople to appropriate the additional funds to make possible this improvement to the Library.

My sincere thanks are also extended to the following committees: The Building Committee, comprised of Mr. Bardwell, Mr. John Mullins and Mr. Frank Kempisty; the Committee who solicited for funds to purchase new furniture for the Library, Mrs. John Osley, Mrs. Walter Pickunka, Mrs. Eugene Proulx and Mrs. Edward Breor, Jr.; to the Trustees, Mr. Cory Bardwell, Miss Sarah Kiley and Mr. Edward Kostek, who gave so generously of their time and co-operation in re-arranging the Library; to all, who in any way helped to make our Library one of the finest in this area.

The knowledge that you, the people of Hatfield, have given our youth a way to help fulfill their desire for knowledge should indeed be gratifying to each and everyone, who helped make this new room a reality.

The circulation of books and periodicals for the year was:

Juvenile Fiction	7,206
Juvenile Non-Fiction	4,510
Adult Fiction	5,908
Adult Non-Fiction	5,372
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	22,996

Two hundred and twenty-five (225) new books and forty-three (43) periodicals have been catalogued and put into circulation. Of these two hundred and twenty-five, 90 were for children and 135 for adults. During the year we have borrowed 624 books from the State Regional Library Center in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

During the past year I have attended the following meetings in connection with Library work: 4 Book Review Sessions at the Regional Center, Greenfield, Mass.; the Spring Meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library Club at the Northfield Library in Northfield, Mass.; and the Fall Meeting at the Memorial Library in South Deerfield, Mass.

The Library is open Monday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. and Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for your convenience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Margaret Cantwell and Mrs. Gertrude Breor for their able assistance and kind co-operation during the year.

THERESA M. GODIN

Librarian

Report of Tree Warden

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During the past year trimming was done on Main, North Prospect Streets and Pantry Road.

Brush was cut and burned on the extension of Oak Avenue.

Eighteen elms having Dutch Elm disease were taken down and burned throughout town.

Six shade trees were taken down, unsafe or storm damaged: One poplar, Straits Road; two maples, Pantry Road; one cherry, North Hatfield Road; one maple, King Street; one catalpa, Main Street.

Dutch Elm disease seems to be spreading more and more each year. Our loss of elm trees is going to be extensive in the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS GODIN

Report of Fire Department

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

During 1957 we had a total of 57 calls. They are listed as follows:

- 10 False alarms
- 27 Grass and brush
- 1 Truck
- 4 Faulty oil burners
- 1 Car
- 8 Buildings
- 1 Electric light pole
- 4 Chimney
- 1 Mutual Aid to Montague

We wish to thank the Tri-State Mutual Aid for helping us at three of our bad fires.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. SMITH

Chief

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

OF THE
TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Poll 1957	\$938.00	
Personal 1957	10,393.50	✓
Real 1957	135,562.87	✓
Poll Previous Years	100.00	
Personal Previous Years	2,635.35	
Real Previous Years	33,263.55	
In Lieu of Taxes Previous Years	96.50	
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Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1957	18,855.98	
Previous Years	10,911.27	
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Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1957		142.55
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Commonwealth of Mass.:

Income Tax	5,320.93	
Corporation Tax	16,533.25	
Meal Tax	638.37	
Chapter 70 G. L.	18,945.00	
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Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	5,800.00	
Milk	6.50	
Junk	32.00	
All Other	356.50	
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Court Fines

245.00

RECEIPTS

Grants from Federal Government:	
Old Age Assistance	11,135.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,447.01
Disability Assistance	1,092.34
School Lunch—Comm. Dist. Fund	5,813.33
Schools—Public Law 874	2,194.72
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	21,682.40
Grants from Commonwealth:	
Vocational Education	4,080.61
Transportation	5,098.50
Highway Chapter 81	10,325.73
Civil Defense	311.57
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	19,816.41
Grants from Hampshire County:	
Dog Licenses	192.20
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Total General Revenue	\$302,468.13

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Town Hall	\$61.75
Outlays	42.38
Police	12.50
Sealer Weights and Measures	109.70
Health and Sanitation:	
Slaughter Fees	24.00
Sewer Conn.	450.00
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	474.00
Highways:	
Machinery Fund	2,697.00
Chapter 90 Const.—State	1,964.43
Chapter 90 Const.—County	654.81
Chapter 90 Maint.—State	1,025.37
Chapter 90 Maint.—County	1,025.37
Fence Damage, etc.	175.90
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	7,542.88
Public Welfare:	
Disability Assistance—State	1,796.23
Aid to Dependent Children—State	757.02
O. A. A.—State	9,143.79
O. A. A.—Other Cities and Towns	258.39
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	11,955.43
Veterans' Benefits—State	257.50

RECEIPTS

Schools:

Athletic Receipts	1,077.73	
School Lunch Coll.	12,166.05	
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Library Fines		111.04
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Dividends		.89
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Tailings		497.61
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Water Department:

Water Rents	14,182.80	
New Service	1,050.00	
Hydrant Damage	425.00	
	<hr/>	15,657.80

Care of Cemetery Lots		350.75
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General Interest:

Interest on Taxes	598.07	
Interest on Motor Vehicle Excise	30.94	
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Interest on Trust Funds		450.18
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Total Commercial Revenue		<hr/> 51,397.20
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Agency, Trust and Investment:

Dog Tax Due County	382.20	
New Funds—Cemetery P. C.	900.00	
Withholding	14,641.20	
Retirement	2,096.32	
Blue Cross	2,134.50	
Interest on Treasury Notes	765.49	
	<hr/>	20,919.71

Refunds:

Interest		376.25
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Total All Receipts		<hr/> \$375,161.29
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1957		127,623.27
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TOTAL

	<hr/> <hr/> \$502,784.56
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PAYMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$25.00
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will		10.00
Selectmen:		
Salary		900.00
Clerk		200.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, Stationery	6.35	
Travel	148.96	
Dues	31.00	
All Other	10.00	
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		196.31
Town Accountant:		
Salary		1,775.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, Stationery	6,424	
Dues	3.00	
New Equipment	369.95	
All Other	7.50	
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		444.69
Town Treasurer:		
Salary		1,875.00
Expenses:		
Printing, Postage, Stationery	64.10	
Surety Bond	137.50	
Travel	128.00	
All Other	242.00	
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		571.60
Collector of Taxes:		
Salary		1,400.00
Expenses:		
Postage, Printing, Stationery	216.00	
Surety Bond	287.75	
Clerical	116.00	
All Other	30.25	
New Equipment	150.00	
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		800.00

PAYMENTS

Assessors:

Salary	1,650.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Stationery	55.25
Travel	143.50
Clerical	135.50
All Other	57.10
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	391.35

Town Counsel

200.00

Town Clerk:

Salary	1,775.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Stationery	52.25
Surety Bond	7.50
Recording Fees	80.00
Clerical	105.00
All Other	104.54
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	349.29

Election and Registration:

Registrars	36.00
Election Officers	117.00
Clerical	200.00
Printing	176.88
Street Lists	330.00
All Other	13.36
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	873.24

Total General Government

 \$13,436.48

Town Hall:

Janitor	\$2,606.67
Fuel	1,803.22
Light	694.63
Janitor's Supplies	88.39
Repairs	760.89
All Other	29.14
Curtains for Main Hall	497.40
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	6,480.34

PAYMENTS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salary	\$2,000.00	
Men	396.00	
School Traffic	90.50	
Equipment	242.05	
Insurance	168.00	
All Other	59.26	
	<hr/>	2,955.81

Fire Department:

Clerk	100.00	
Chief	250.00	
Men	1,116.50	
Hose	1,604.00	
Gas, Oil, Grease	140.30	
Misc. Equipment and Supplies	336.75	
Repairs	175.80	
Fuel	140.69	
Light	42.05	
Rent	302.50	
Printing	12.55	
Telephone	218.07	
All Other	38.00	
	<hr/>	4,477.21

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary		200.00
Expenses:		
Equipment	21.63	
Travel	77.66	
	<hr/>	99.29

Moth Work:

Labor	507.40	
Spraying	492.60	
	<hr/>	1,000.00

Tree Work:

Labor	1,552.10	
Equipment	39.90	
All Other	8.00	
	<hr/>	1,600.00

PAYMENTS

Civil Defense:		
Salary	150.00	
Transportation, Supplies	246.28	
All Other	427.78	
	<hr/>	824.06
Total Protection of Persons and Property		<hr/> \$11,156.37

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Public Health	\$308.47	
Well Child Clinic	115.00	
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00	
Immunization School Children	202.92	
Inspection School Children	400.00	
Animal Inspection	360.00	
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$2,636.39

HIGHWAYS

Highway General:		
Wages	\$1,939.50	
Telephone	180.50	
Fuel	140.70	
Stone, Gravel, Tar	588.39	
Equipment	511.83	
Lights	42.05	
All Other	771.68	
	<hr/>	4,174.65
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Wages	2,678.54	
Sand, Salt, etc.	57.20	
Sidewalks	181.00	
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Street Lights		4,326.00
Elm Street Sidewalk		972.50
Dike Repairs		171.20
Bridge Repairs:		
Labor	196.80	
Lumber and Steel	193.25	
All Other	59.00	
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PAYMENTS

Highway Chap. 90 New Construction:

Balance 1956 Contract	1,474.06
1957 Contract	3.00

Highway Chap. 90 Maintenance:

1956 Contract:

Labor	501.00	
Town Machinery	32.00	
Pipe, Catch Basin, etc.	170.82	
Loam	120.00	
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		823.82

1957 Contract:

Labor	2,732.40	
Town Machinery	474.00	
Other Machinery	255.00	
Cement, etc.	212.90	
Colprovia	220.73	
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		3,895.03

Highway Chap. 81

Labor	10,474.15	
Town Machinery	2,191.00	
• Other Machinery	831.90	
Patch	47.15	
Sand and Gravel	955.35	
Colprovia and Asphalt	6,350.82	
Stone	1,046.40	
Miscellaneous	199.04	
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		22,095.81

Machinery Operating:

Parts and Repairs	2,151.64	
Gas	1,178.51	
Oil and Grease	123.53	
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		3,453.68

Total Highways

\$44,755.54

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare:

Salary—Agent	\$43.20	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	109.69	
All Other	51.58	
Cash Aid	480.00	
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		684.47

PAYMENTS

Disability Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town Funds	2,939.92	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	928.38	
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	5.35	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	123.05	
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		3,996.70

Aid to Dependent Children:

Cash Aid—Town Funds	1,398.89	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	1,437.39	
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	10.80	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	75.60	
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		2,922.68

Old Age Assistance:

Cash Aid—Town Funds	12,430.92	
Cash Aid—Federal Funds	10,626.05	
Agent's Salary—Town Funds	241.27	
Agent's Salary—Federal Funds	700.73	
Other Cities and Towns—Town	424.64	
Other Cities and Towns—Federal	117.91	
Miscellaneous	128.70	
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		24,670.22

Total Charities

 \$32,274.07

Veterans Benefits:

Agent's Salary	\$300.00	
Office Expense	8.26	
Ordinary Allowances	603.00	
Medical	281.60	
Transportation	54.00	
Hospital Care	202.00	
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		1,448.86

Total Veterans' Benefits

 \$1,448.86

SCHOOLS

General Administration:

Superintendent's Salary	\$2,100.00
Clerk	500.90
Office Supplies	95.63
Telephone	357.38
Travel	196.98
Census	50.00

PAYMENTS

Books, Magazines—Supt.'s Office	54.65	
New Equipment	972.00	
All Other	32.22	
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Teachers' Salaries:		
High	29,402.54	
Elementary	48,672.79	
Music	1,129.92	
Drawing	125.00	
Penmanship	470.00	
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Text and Reference Books:		
High	623.95	
Elementary	663.57	
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Supplies:		
High	1,117.06	
Elementary	1,869.08	
Physical Education	188.14	
Audio-Visual	202.86	
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Transportation:		
High	1,794.50	
Elementary	5,383.50	
Athletics	172.50	
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Janitors:		
High	2,950.00	
Elementary	3,150.00	
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Fuel and Light:		
High	1,533.99	
Elementary	3,062.53	
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Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
Janitor's Supplies—High	208.68	
Janitor's Supplies—Elementary	385.48	
Elementary Repairs	2,756.89	
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Diplomas and Graduation Exercises		142.17
Insurance		496.63

PAYMENTS

Nurse	1,600.00
Health Supplies	41.38
Education of Handicapped Children	403.75
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Total Schools from Appropriation	112,906.67
School Comm. Expense	199.17
Athletic Fund	1,747.06
Federal Aid—Public Law 874	2,187.07
Center School Roof Repairs	21,114.63
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Total Schools	\$138,154.60
Vocational School Tuition and Trans.:	
Tuition	\$3,569.30
Transportation	824.40
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Total Vocational School Tuit. and Trans.	\$4,393.70

SCHOOL LUNCH

Collections:	
Clerk	\$450.00
Clerk's Bond	5.00
Wages	4,539.50
Food	6,815.02
Fuel	118.75
Misc. Supplies	190.06
Equipment	206.11
All Other	35.90
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	12,360.34
Commodity Distribution Fund:	
Clerk	\$165.00
Wages	1,947.20
Food	3,413.20
Fuel	67.50
Misc. Supplies	194.08
All Other	26.35
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	5,813.33
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Total School Lunch	\$18,173.67

PAYMENTS

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$1,300.00	
Asst. Librarian	721.00	✓ } 2021.00
Janitor	40.00	
Books	400.20	✓
Periodicals	61.95	
Fuel	281.02	
Lights	39.85	
Misc. Repairs	123.11	
Janitor's Supplies	36.50	
Stationery and Postage	27.50	
All Other	149.19	
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New Room at Library		6,055.85
Replace or Eliminate Gutters		2,000.00
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Total Library		\$11,236.17

UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation	\$400.00	
Telephone	261.77	
Memorial Day	224.40	
Care of Town Clock	50.00	
Print and Distribute Town Reports	520.00	
Unclassified	97.10	
Outlays	37.50	
Binding Books	50.00	
Retirement Assessment	1,981.96	
Unpaid Bills	258.70	
All Other	68.00	
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Total Unclassified		\$3,949.43

INSURANCE

Monies and Securities	\$72.00
Liability and Property Damage	876.83
Volunteer Firemen	154.50
Town Schedule	1,347.62
Workmen's Compensation	1,470.34

PAYMENTS

Public Liability	334.01	
Steam Boilers	408.00	
Insurance 32 B.	125.46	
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Total Insurance		\$4,788.76

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries		\$600.00
Collector's Commission	709.14	
Clerical	149.25	
Postage	12.50	
Collector's Bond	10.00	
Labor	3,169.15	
Trucks	435.25	
Shovel	434.50	
Care of Chlorinator	182.50	
Chlorine	152.00	
Pipe and Fittings	1,284.98	
Lights	59.84	
All Other	399.20	
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Purchase and Install New Chlorinator		83.32
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Total Water Department		\$7,681.63

CEMETERIES

Clerical	\$50.00	
Labor	856.00	
All Other	23.11	
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Total Cemeteries		\$929.11

INTEREST

Interest—Loans Temporary	\$497.31	
Interest—Water Loans	1,179.50	
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Total Interest		\$1,676.81

PAYMENTS MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans	\$16,350.00	
Water Main Loan Notes	10,000.00	
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Total Municipal Indebtedness		\$26,350.00

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:		
State Parks	\$835.90	
State Audit	886.25	
County	22,723.33	
Dog Tax Due County	480.80	
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		24,926.28
Cemetery P. C.—New	900.00	
Cemetery P. C.—Interest	8.76	
Retirement	2,096.32	
Withholding	14,641.20	
Blue Cross	2,134.50	
Interest—Treasury Notes	1,141.74	
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		20,922.52
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Total Agency, Trust and Investment		\$45,848.80

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$555.00	
Motor Vehicle	830.48	
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Total Refunds		1,385.48
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Total Payments	\$376,756.21	
Balance January 1, 1958	126,028.35	
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TOTAL		\$502,784.56
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TOWN OF HATFIELD GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1957

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$126,028.35	Federal Grants:	
Accounts Receivable:		Disability Assistance	\$31.50
Taxes:		Disability Assistance	
Levy of 1952	30.83	Admin.	14.75
Levy of 1953	60.12	Aid to Dependent Chil-	
Levy of 1954	977.20	dren, Admin.	1.08
Levy of 1955	3,981.68	Old Age Assistance	
Levy of 1956	9,371.30	Admin.	25.02
Levy of 1957	30,986.88	School Aid, Public	
		Law 874	7.65
	<u>45,408.01</u>		<u>80.00</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Revolving Funds:	
Levy of 1952	7.22	School Athletic Fund	20.70
Levy of 1953	93.12	School Lunch Collec-	
Levy of 1954	314.21	tions	1,625.49
Levy of 1955	1,501.69		<u>1,646.19</u>

Levy of 1956	2,775.00	Unexpended Appropriation	
Levy of 1957	7,766.48	Balances:	
		Highway Chap. 90	12,457.72
Farm Animal Excise:		New Constr.	5,997.00
Levy of 1957		Purchase or Take Land	
		Within Watershed	2,800.00
Departmental:		Water Loan—Elm St.	
Aid to Dependent		8" Line	36.84
Children	326.45	Land Purchase—	
Care of Cemetery		West Hatfield Cem.	400.00
Lots	156.75		
Veterans' Services	315.30		9,233.84
		Premium on Sale Water Notes	4.00
Water Department:		Sale of Real Estate	250.00
Water Rates		Tailings	497.61
		Outlays	.03
Aid to Highways:		Road Machinery Earnings Fund	6,061.97
County	7,574.63	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	7,061.82
State	31,186.48		
		Overlays Reserved for Abate-ments:	
Underestimates:		Overlay 1952	30.83
State Parks Tax		Overlay 1953	60.12

Overlay 1954	977.20
Overlay 1955	3,981.68
Overlay 1956	3,997.95
Overlay 1957	6,190.02
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	15,237.80

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Departmental	798.50
Motor Vehicle	12,457.72
Water	3,846.88
State and County Aid	
to Highways	38,211.85
Farm Animal	129.57
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Water Available Surplus	55,444.52
	15,866.18

Overestimate:	
County Tax	220.99
Surplus Revenue	115,863.61
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TOTAL ASSETS

 \$227,468.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND
RESERVES

 \$227,468.56

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 59,000.00	Water Main Loan, Chestnut and Prospect Sts.	\$ 13,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Elm Street	6,000.00
		Water Main Loan, Plain Road 10" Pipe	40,000.00
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	\$ 59,000.00		\$ 59,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	\$ 17,322.24	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$15,696.86
		Firemen's Relief Fund	82.65
		General Care Fund—Main St. Cemetery	10.00
		Hill Cemetery General Care Fund	765.29
		Interest on Treasury Notes	767.44
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	\$ 17,322.24		\$ 17,322.24
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GERTRUDE B. ROGALESKI,
Town Accountant

Appropriation Table

	1957			Balance to
	Appropriation	Additional	Total Available	Revenue or Forward
				Spent
Moderator	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	900.00		900.00	900.00
Selectmen's Clerk	200.00		200.00	200.00
Selectmen's Expense	200.00		200.00	196.31
Accountant's Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00
Accountant's Expense	125.00		325.00	319.69
Purch. Duplicating Mach. Acct.	125.00	200.00	125.00	125.00
Treasurer's Salary	1,875.00		1,875.00	1,875.00
Treasurer's Expense	575.00		575.00	571.60
Collector's Salary	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00
Collector's Expense	650.00		650.00	650.00
Purch. Fireproof File—Coll.	150.00		150.00	150.00
Assessors' Salary	1,650.00		1,650.00	1,650.00
Assessors' Expense	400.00		400.00	391.35
Attorney's Fees	200.00		200.00	200.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,775.00		1,775.00	1,775.00
Town Clerk's Expense	350.00		350.00	349.29
Election and Registration	875.00		875.00	873.24
				3.69
				5.31
				3.40
				8.65
				.71
				1.76

Elector's Salary	10.00	10.00	10.00
Town Hall	6,000.00	6,000	5,982.94
Town Hall—Purch. Material	500.00	500.00	497.40
Police	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,955.81
Fire	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,997.21
New Hose—Fire Dept.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,480.00
Tree Work	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Moth Work	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Civil Defense	1,000.00	1,000.00	824.06
Sealer Weights & Measures' Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Sealer Weights & Measures' Expense	100.00	100.00	99.29
Public Health	500.00	500.00	308.47
School Physician	400.00	400.00	400.00
Immun. School Children	250.00	250.00	202.92
Insp. Children—Tuberculosis	75.00	75.00	75.00
Dental Clinic	450.00	450.00	450.00
Well-Child Clinic	200.00	200.00	115.00
Insp. of Animals and Slaughter	360.00	360.00	360.00
Visiting Nurse	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Highway General	7,000.00	7,500.00	7,091.39
Highway Chap. 81	22,250.00	22,250.00	22,095.81
Highway Chap. 90 Maint. '56	823.89	823.89	.07
Highway Chap. 90 Maint. '57	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,895.03
Highway Chap. 90 N. C. '56	2,663.35	2,663.35	1,474.06
Highway Chap. 90 N. C. '57	6,000.00	6,000.00	3.00
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			75.00
			450.00
			85.00
			115.00
			360.00
			1,250.00
			7,091.39

Dike Repairs	200.00	200.00	171.20	28.80
Elm Street Sidewalk	1,000.00	1,000.00	972.50	27.50
Road Machinery Operating	3,000.00	500.00	3,453.68	46.32
Street Lights	4,500.00		4,326.00	174.00
Bridge Repairs	488.68		449.05	39.63
Fence Repairs	200.00		200.00	
Public Welfare	3,000.00		684.47	2,315.53
Disability Assistance—Town	3,000.00		2,945.27	54.73
Disability Assistance—Federal	959.88		928.38	31.50
Disability Assistance—Fed. Admin.	137.80		123.05	14.75
Aid to Dependent Children—Town	1,000.00	500.00	1,409.69	90.31
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal	1,437.39		1,437.39	
Aid to Dependent Children—Fed. Admin.	76.68		75.60	1.08
Old Age Assistance—Town	17,000.00		13,225.53	3,774.47
Old Age Assistance—Federal	10,743.96		10,743.96	
Old Age Assistance—Fed. Admin.	725.75		700.73	25.02
Veterans' Benefits	1,500.00		1,448.86	51.14
School Comm. Exp.	200.00		199.17	.83
Schools	113,500.00		112,906.67	593.33
Center School Roof Repairs	25,000.00		21,114.63	3,885.37
School Aid—Federal	2,194.72		2,187.07	7.65
School Athletic Fund	1,767.76		1,747.06	20.70
Vocational Tuition and Trans.	3,500.00	893.70	4,393.70	
School Lunch Coll.	13,985.83		13,985.83	1,625.49
School Lunch C. D. F.	5,813.33		5,813.33	

Library	3,000.00	192.20	3,192.20	3,180.32	11.88
New Room at Library	4,964.22	1,100.00	6,064.22	6,055.85	8.37
Replace or Eliminate Gutters	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
Binding Town Records	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Care of Town Clock	50.00		50.00	50.00	
Insurance	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,788.76	211.24
Memorial Day	350.00		350.00	224.40	125.60
Print and Deliver Town Books	600.00		600.00	520.00	80.00
Recreation	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Reserve Fund	7,000.00		7,000.00	3,693.70	3,306.30
Retirement	1,981.96		1,981.96	1,981.96	
Telephone	275.00		275.00	261.77	13.23
Unclassified	100.00		100.00	97.10	2.90
Unpaid Bills	258.70		258.70	258.70	
Water Comm. Salaries	600.00		600.00	600.00	
Water Dept.	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,998.31	1.69
Purchase and Install Chlorinator	83.79		83.79	83.32	.47
Purchase or Take Land in Watershed	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,800.00	
Water Loan—Elm St.	36.84		36.84	36.84	
Cemeteries	900.00	441.42	1,341.42	929.11	412.31
Land Purchase—West Hatfield Cem.	400.00		400.00	400.00	
Interest	500.00		500.00	490.50	9.50
Interest—Water Loans	1,179.50		1,179.50	1,179.50	
Water Main Loans	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
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	\$341,744.03	\$4,327.32	\$346,071.35	\$316,753.32	\$29,318.03

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF HATFIELD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eugene F. Proulx, Chairman	Term Expires 1958
Henry F. Kulesza	Term Expires 1959
Arthur E. Fitzgerald	Term Expires 1960

Regular school committee meetings are held
on the first Monday of each month
at the High School

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

School Office:

High School Building
Telephone :CH 7-2361

Home Address:

Middle Street,
Hadley, Mass.

WORK CERTIFICATES AND SCHOOL CLERK

Marie P. Sheehan
15 Chestnut Street
Office telephone CH 7-2361

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Robert C. Byrne, M.D.
46 Main Street
Telephone CH 7-2661

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Lucille Godek, R.N.
19 Prospect Street
Telephone CH 7-3553

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1957-1958

**Superintendent of Schools and Principal of
Smith Academy**

Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

Smith Academy

John Skarzynski—Assistant Principal

Algebra I, II; Plane and Solid Geometry; Trigonometry;
Physics; Driver Education

Florence Muller

French I, II, III; Latin I & II; Problems in Democracy

Margaret Pruzynski

Typing I, II; Shorthand I, II; Bookkeeping;
Secretarial Practice

Mary E. Ryan

English

Mary Spakowski

Home Economics; Biology; General Math;
Home and Family

John F. Symancyk

General Science; United States History; World History;
Junior Business Training; Physical Education

Center School

Grades 6, 7, 8

Dorothy Breor: Principal; English

Jean Kempisty: Grade 8; Social Studies

Margaret DeCarolus: Grade 7; Reading and Spelling

John M. Gallagher, Jr.: Grade 6; Math, English,
Junior High Coach

George E. Rudzik: Grade 6; Science, Art

Grade 5

Frances Celatka

Elizabeth Brassord

Grade 4

Hilda Fortsch

Grade 3

Ann Labbee

Marjorie Ryack

Grade 2

Martha Boyle

Eleanor Stenglein

Grade 1

Lena Fitzgerald

Helen Kostek

Supervisors

Music—Esther Norris

Penmanship—William J. Rinehart Co.

Custodians

Elementary—Chester Celatka

High School—Stanley Piankowski

Transporters

Henry Labbee Bus Co.—Regular School Transportation

Frank Skroski, Jr.—Vocational School Transportation

School Lunch Workers

Hazel Roberts, Manager

Irene Labbee

Susan Zima

Winifred Betsold

Helen McGrath

Phyllis Kuzontkoski

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

Your school committee herewith submits its annual report for the year 1957. The committee held 12 regular and 14 special meetings during the year. It has been the purpose of the committee to maintain and improve the physical, material and educational structures of the Hatfield schools and to give the pupils those educational opportunities which they rightfully deserve and merit.

The educational problems which your committee considers to have been the most pressing during the past year are: 1. The alterations and repairs to the Center School. 2. Teacher supply. 3. Rising enrollments of the local schools. 4. Classroom space. 5. Problems of curriculum, and 6. Finance.

Center School

A complete and detailed report of the alterations and repairs to the Center School is contained in this school report under a separate section. The report contains a detailed chronology of events and a detailed financial accounting of the project is appended. Your attention to this report is respectfully requested.

Personnel

During the year three teachers resigned and one teacher retired from our schools. Two teachers formerly appointed on a temporary basis were elected to perma-

ment positions, three teachers were elected to fill resignations and retirement openings and one teacher was elected to meet the needs of increased enrollments.

An account of our staff changes follows:

Mrs. Moira Callahan, resigned to be at home.

Mrs. Jane Blauvelt, resigned to teach at Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Joyce Prince, resigned to be at home.

Miss Sarah Kiley, retired.

Mrs. Eleanor Stenglein, elected teacher of grade two.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brassord, elected teacher of grade five.

Mrs. Anne Labbee, elected teacher of grade three.

Mrs. Margaret DeCarolus, elected teacher of grades 6, 7, 8.

Mr. George Rudzik, elected teacher of grades 6, 7, 8.

Mr. John Gallagher, Jr., elected teacher of grades 6, 7, 8.

Some changes in assignments were made in both the elementary and secondary staffs and these changes are reported in the report of the Superintendent of Schools.

Enrollment

The school year beginning September 1957 again found the local schools faced with an increased enrollment in both the elementary and secondary levels. On October 1, which is the official census date for school purposes, there were 449 pupils enrolled in grades one through twelve. Three hundred and forty-seven pupils were enrolled in grades one through eight, which was twenty-five more than the previous year and eight more than predicted. One hundred and two pupils were enrolled in grades nine through twelve, which was ten more than the previous year and five less than predicted. The total overall in enrollment for all grades was thirty-five pupils.

Expanding enrollments continue to impose the greatest immediate problem on the community and the school committee.

The prospect for continued increases in enrollment is very real. Without extending enrollment projections for the elementary grades beyond a six-year period, which includes children born and residing in Hatfield at the present time, there is every reason to expect increasing enrollments in our elementary grades. The same prediction for increased enrollments is also true for the secondary grades.

A summary of past and predicted future enrollments is presented in chart form in another section of the school reports. Your careful attention is called to them.

Classroom Space

During the past year the school committee has converted the last available space in the Center School basement to temporary classroom use to meet increased enrollments. There are now three temporary basement classrooms in use. Although these temporary rooms may be attractive, they do not meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for school purposes at any time.

Curriculum

During the past year the committee has continued to provide educational materials and equipment to facilitate the educational program of the schools.

The committee has noted the strengthening of the science instruction in the schools, more and effective use of audio-visual materials, and the further departmentalization of instruction in grades six, seven and eight.

Reading instruction in grades six, seven, and eight has been departmentalized and more time is now devoted to this very important phase of the school program. Spelling texts based on selected word listing and continuous progress in difficulty have been introduced in the elementary grades five through eight.

The scope of extracurricular activities for the boys in grades six, seven and eight has been broadened with the assignment of Mr. Gallagher as junior high school coach in basketball and baseball.

Both the Superintendent's and Elementary Principal's reports carry a more detailed account of the activities in the curricular area. The afore-mentioned reports have been delivered to, read and approved by the school committee and your attention is called to them.

Finance

During the past year it became necessary to request an additional appropriation to effect the repairs and alterations for the Center School building as demanded by the Department of Public Safety. A full and detailed report of this appropriation and expenditures is contained in a separate section of this report. Your attention is directed to the report.

The school committee directed an inquiry into Federal Aid to the local schools under Public Law 874, which assists schools with direct aid if certain qualifications are met for attendance by pupils whose parents are employed on federal property. The committee found that the schools did qualify for aid for the school year 1956-1957 and forthwith made application for assistance.

During the year the committee received \$2,194.72 in Federal Aid for local education which, by law, it expended to meet current expenses.

The committee has already voted to investigate its eligibility for Federal Aid for the school year 1957-1958. However, because of the attendance qualifications, no assurance is possible that aid will be received from this source. Federal Aid is a possibility but not a foregone conclusion.

The regular school budget for 1958 has been carefully prepared and submitted to the Town Accountant as required by law. The Hatfield Finance Committee and the School Committee have met and discussed the school budget.

Of special interest, the committee wishes to report that upon the retirement of Miss Sarah Kiley, the school committee, with the able and willing co-operation of the Hatfield Teachers Club, held an open house in the Community Rooms of the Town Hall in her honor. A large number of friends and former pupils extended Miss Kiley their best wishes and presented her with a purse of money which was contributed by the townspeople.

Miss Kiley devoted forty-nine years to teaching the pupils of Hatfield. Her warm, kindly manner and devotion to the pupils entrusted to her care will be long and fondly remembered. The school committee wishes to take this opportunity to publicly record its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Miss Kiley and to extend every best wish for her enjoyment in retirement.

The school committee wishes to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the townspeople and school personnel for their support, understanding and co-operation during the year just passed.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE F. PROULX

HENRY F. KULESZA

ARTHUR E. FITZGERALD

Special Appropriation, Center School

During 1957 the School Committee found it necessary to request a Special Appropriation to carry out alterations and repairs to the Center School building as a result of the action taken by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.

On November 13, 1956, the Department of Public Safety Inspection Certificate expired on our Center School building and in keeping with Section 52, Chapter 143 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth which reads: "No person shall occupy or use any building or part thereof as a theatre, special hall, public hall, miscellaneous hall or schoolhouse until a license therefor has been issued by the commissioner or a certificate therefor by an inspector, whichever is required under this chapter . . .," a new certificate was requested prior to November 13, 1956. During the month of November the Department of Public Safety Inspector, Mr. James J. Lane, agreed to re-inspect the Center School building and to consider the renewal of the Inspection Certificate. However, because of delays, Mr. Lane did not inspect the building until April 1, 1957.

Upon the completion of Mr. Lane's inspection of April 1, 1957, a renewal of the Inspection Certificate was denied and on April 2, 1957, the following letter was received from the Department of Public Safety:

Greenfield, Mass.

April 2, 1957

To: Eugene S. Proulx,
Chr. of School Committee,
Hatfield, Mass.

Subject: Central Grammar School

1. On April 1, 1957, I inspected the above building. The forces acting on the roof of this building has disturbed its equilibrium which in turn has caused other members of the structure to be effected. It is my judgment the loading combinations is the cause; such as dead loads, wind loads and snow loads etc. Before certificate of inspection can be renewed it will be necessary to have a survey made by a State Registered Engineer, and his report sent to this office.

2. Your immediate attention to this matter is urgently requested as present certificate has expired which is issued subject to Sec. 52 Chap. 143 G. L.

(Signed)

JAMES J. LANE

State Building Inspector

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Copy to Arthur T. Scott Jr., Supt. of Schools

On April 8, 1957, Mr. Lane attended the regular monthly meeting of the School Committee at the request of the Committee and discussed the situation caused by the denial of a re-issuance of the Center School Inspection Certificate and other matters pertaining to temporary certification of basement classrooms and the School Street School. The following from the minutes of April 8, 1957, School Committee meeting and approved by the Committee in its regular meeting of May 6, 1957, is the report of the discussions held with Mr. Lane on April 8, 1957:

Mr. James Lane, Massachusetts State Building Inspector, arrived at the meeting to discuss the conditions of the present facilities and to discuss with the committee the temporary permit now in existence and also the possibility of providing an additional classroom within the existing facilities for the 1957-58 school year.

Mr. Lane informed the committee that he would not issue a certificate for the Center School until a registered engineer had surveyed the condition of the building and had ascertained the condition of certain timbers in the attic and the general structural safety of the entire building.

The Committee was further informed that henceforth the School Street and Smith Academy buildings would be issued certificates good for only six months, as he, Mr. Lane, wants to keep an eye on them.

The Committee asked Mr. Lane if he would continue to issue "temporary" certification of the two Center School basement rooms. Mr. Lane replied that the committee—"Won't have them long." Mr. Lane stated that unless definite progress toward new facilities was made he would not certify the two rooms. Mr. Lane stated that progress meant a building committee with an architect who could design new facilities.

Mr. Lane stated that as far as his records are concerned there are no basement rooms in the Center School. The rooms are used only because of verbal agreements and could be lost for use at any moment.

The Committee asked, "Is there any area in our present schools—Center or School Street—which could be finished off for an additional classroom next year?" Mr. Lane replied that

the School Street School was definitely out—that there was no possibility for expansion in the building. In regard to the Center School, Mr. Lane would not commit himself. He did state that if he approved expansion, there would be a definite cut off date of less than two years, and that no expansion could be considered a permanent solution.

Mr. Lane stated that the people of the community must realize that the conditions of school housing are not good, that they can't continue indefinitely and a solution must be found by them. Mr. Lane stated that unless a site, architect, etc., for new facilities were forthcoming he would not renew the temporary certification for the Center School basement rooms.

In regard to the present certification of the Center School building, Mr. Lane stated that it was illegally open until such time as an engineer's report was returned. He further stated that the engineer's report would be a big guide for further action and that if the report was unfavorable, all needed work would have to be completed before the building could be re-opened in September 1957.

Mr. Lane was asked if rooms in the Town Hall could be certified for school use. In reply Mr. Lane stated that he would have to look at them, but at best any certification would be temporary and with a time limit specified.

During the ensuing twelve days inquiries were completed in an attempt to locate and interview a "State Registered Engineer." Five engineers were contacted—one each from Fitchburg, Pittsfield, and Springfield, and two from Holyoke, Mass. Of the five engineers contacted only one evinced any interest in making the survey as required by the Department of Safety.

On April 20, 1957, a special meeting of the School Committee was held. A copy of the minutes of that meeting approved by the School Committee on May 6, 1957, follows:

On April 20, 1957, a special School Committee meeting was called for the purpose of meeting Mr. Charles W. Carroll, a registered professional engineer.

The meeting was held in the Hatfield Center School with Mr. Henry Kulesza, Secretary, and Mr. Arthur E. Fitzgerald present. Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr., was also present.

Mr. Carroll appeared and met with the committee.

Henry Kulesza made the motion to retain Mr. Carroll's services to comply with the demand of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety Inspector for a survey of the Center School. Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. The committee voted two in favor of Mr. Carroll's retention.

Mr. Carroll was directed to proceed with the survey and report to the Committee at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.

Recording Secretary

The first order of business after the retention of Mr. Carroll's services was to legalize the use of the Center School building for school purposes and in the next sixteen days this was accomplished. Although Mr. Lane was on vacation, the work proceeded through the office of the Department of Public Safety, Pittsfield, Mass., Mr. David C. Milne, Inspector.

The following letters are self-explanatory and are communications between Mr. Carroll, Mr. Milne, and the School Committee:

May 1, 1957

Town of Hatfield
Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools
Hatfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter sent to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dept. of Public Safety, Attn. Mr. David C. Milne, as requested by him, in a telephone conversation today. He stated that he would issue satisfactory permit to you, based upon this letter.

For your information, Mr. Milne is handling this work for Mr. Lane, who is on vacation.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. W. Carroll

CHARLES W. CARROLL, R. P. E.

CWC:C

May 1, 1957

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Safety
State Building Inspector
246 North Street
Pittsfield, Mass.

Attn. Mr. David C. Milne

Gentleman:

Confirming telephone conversation of today relative to work needed to be done at the Hatfield School, roof framing for this building is definitely in a dangerous condition.

Framing for this roof is of wood construction, composed of wood trusses, wood pulins, wood posts and wood rafters for roof deck. There is a serious condition of splitting in nearly all of the main members and requires definite reinforcement or replacement. All bearings for the main framing are on brick walls, being transferred either by wood beams under posts to masonry walls, or, as where trusses occur, directly on masonry walls.

I am preparing design and specifications for reinforcement of this roof, with possibly one or two alternates, any of which will make roof safe and meet requirements of building code.

Although I have stated the condition is dangerous, I do not believe the building needs to be closed before the end of this term, basing this decision on the fact that framing now in place has withstood all stresses caused by high wind and usual live and dead loads for a period of about 43 years, and that checking has been a gradual process over this period of time, and also that danger signs, such as cracking of main ceilings below has not yet occurred. However, the condition will gradually become worse and actual reconstruction should be started as soon as possible.

There is another condition existing on the northwest wall of the west wing, and to the south of the main entrance, where corner of two intersecting walls has apparently settled, causing severe cracks which have been patched up at various times.

Again, although the condition should be corrected as soon as possible, it has not in my opinion reached the stage of seriousness.

There is one item that should be corrected without delay, and that is the spire on top of cupola which has a dangerous list, and if it were to fall, it could cause seri-

ous injury to students, teachers, or any others who might be in the immediate vicinity.

Therefore, I suggest that you issue to Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr., Supt. of Schools, Town of Hatfield, Mass., permit or permits necessary for him to keep school open until the closing of school for the vacation period when all work necessary can be accomplished, with the provision that spire on cupola be immediately corrected, either by removal, or otherwise.

For your information, I am registered to practice engineering under the title of "Registered Professional Engineer", as provided in Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1941, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. My registration number is 804.

Yours very truly,
CHARLES W. CARROLL, R. P. E.

CWC:C

Copy of this letter is being sent to
Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr., Supt. of Schools,
Town of Hatfield, Hatfield, Mass.

DIVISION OF INSPECTION
246 North St., Pittsfield
May 2, 1957

To: Eugene F. Proulx, Chairman,
School Committee,
Main St.,
Hatfield, Mass.

Subject: Hatfield Central Grammar School.

1. You are directed to arrange for the removal of, or adequate repairs to the spire on the cupola of the Hatfield Central Grammar School before school sessions are resumed on Monday, May 6, 1957. This instruction was

conveyed by telephone conversation this morning to the office of your Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Arthur Scott.

2. Upon completion of work on the spire, a certificate of inspection will be issued for the building, permitting use for school purposes until July 1, 1957. After July 1, 1957, use of the building will not be approved until repairs have been completed to make safe the roof framing of the building and any other alterations directed by the State Building Inspector in accordance with regulations of this Department for schoolhouses.

(Signed) David C. Milne

DAVID C. MILNE

State Building Inspector.

DCM:AML

C.C.: Supt. Scott

Chief of Inspections, Boston

Greenfield office

Charles W. Carroll, P. E.

On May 4, 1957, the spire on the cupola of the Center School was removed. The conditions of the Department of Public Safety were met and a Certificate of Inspection, which was in force until July 1, 1957, was issued May 6, 1957, as per letter of Mr. Milne of May 2, 1957.

Mr. Carroll submitted his preliminary survey and drawings, No. 1 and No. 2, to the School Committee in a letter dated May 14, 1957, and at the same time submitted an identical report to the Mass. Dept. of Public Safety. A complete copy of the letter follows. The drawings are incorporated in the minutes of the meetings for 1957.

May 14, 1957

Town of Hatfield
Hatfield School Committee
Hatfield, Mass.

Att. Mr. Eugene F. Proulx, Chairman
Mr. Arthur G. Scott, Jr., Supt. of Schools

Gentlemen:

Re: Hatfield Center School

In accordance with your letter of April 26, 1957, with instructions to conduct a preliminary survey relative to structural stability and safety of the Hatfield Center School, I submit the following report:

North wall of Southwest wing has pulled away from main building, causing severe cracks from top to bottom, terminating in most instances at bottom of window lintels and sills. From visible evidence, these cracks have been filled with mortar at different periods and cracking has reappeared.

At the Northwest corner of this wall, brick masonry has been removed and replaced, using enlarged joints between replaced brick work, in order to maintain as closely as possible a level line of coursing. This has occurred from water table to grade.

Construction of wall from top of grade to top of water table was originally to have been constructed of cast stone facing, with solid brick backing, and concrete footing below basement level. The cast stone was eliminated, and brick facing was substituted at time of construction.

I do not claim this substitution to be cause of cracking, but merely call attention to deviation from original design, and have suspicion that other substitutions may have been made.

New cracks have occurred since last patching. At top of wall, and for several courses under wall plate, light shows through from outside, and new cracks are showing on outside, and although of minor nature, prove to me that this wall is still moving outward, and will continue to do so until definite failure occurs, or until remedied.

There is no excessive loading of this part of building, and I therefore conclude that foundation, particularly at corner referred to above, has, for some unknown reason, settled sufficiently to cause this condition, and is continuing to do so. The cause of this settlement can best be determined by digging a hole at outside, to a depth of bottom of footing, exposing wall, and footing below grade. I suggest outside, rather than inside, because I believe any defect will be more clearly seen. Care should be used when digging, and should be made at the North side of corner, and back toward Main Building, as corner is slipping toward the West, and in all probability is obtaining some support from thrust of ground at the West side. Under no condition should this operation take place without my supervision.

I have checked walls outside and inside throughout building, and find them in good condition generally. However, a complete job of pointing should be done, particularly on the East Wall. Coping stones and stones around window lintels should be repointed where necessary, and a complete job of caulking done. Main entrance should receive special attention, including steps.

Hump in floor through center of classrooms running North and South, first floor, is caused by the method of construction. There is a line of steel beams running through center of these rooms, supported on concrete filled columns and bearing walls. These beams in turn support $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" wood joists, which have been framed flush with top of steel beam. The joists, because of their

porosity, shrink from drying, which causes their top to take a position below top of steel beam, and because steel beam does not shrink, permits the floor to rest directly upon top flange, resulting in a hump in floor. This condition could have been avoided, if, at time of construction, wood joists were framed 1" above top flange of steel beam. To remedy this condition would be expensive, and as strength has not been impaired in any way, can, in my opinion, be left in its present status.

I have investigated the condition of roof supports and find a serious condition exists. There is unusual splitting of truss members. This splitting is partially due to the usual aging and drying out of the timbers. However, I believe the main reason for such severe splitting to be overloading.

This building has been subjected to some terrific wind storms during its existence, and apart from method of construction used, probably has been the largest factor to cause overloading and resulting overstress.

You will note that where splitting is most severe in a member, the member has a tendency to bulge at center, or in other words, attempting to part along the line of the neutral axis. This is definitely a sign of overstress of the member.

I have considered various methods of correction, such as replacing timbers where necessary; the use of plates along the side of diagonals, top and bottom chords, but have discarded them as of only temporary value. I have discarded these various methods as only makeshift, because, after further investigation, and analysis of stresses, obtained by using the requirements of State and local codes for minimum loading, I find there is no suitable makeshift method that is satisfactory. Reframing of the entire roof is out of question because of the expense involved.

Therefore, I have devised a method which I believe to be satisfactory, and which will be comparatively inexpensive, and result in a roof which will be good for the lifetime of the building, which has many useful years, barring fire or any other unpredictable event.

The proposed method of solution can best be explained by careful examination of drawings Nos. 1 and 2, which are self-explanatory. However, as an aid to a complete understanding, I offer you the following description of the procedure used to develop this design:

Loads used are shown on sheet No. 2. The wind pressure was developed by Duchemin's formula, and is based upon the use of 30 pounds per square foot vertical pressure. The actual load deriver for design purposes is 28 pounds per square foot, normal to roof pitch, 20 pounds per square foot at vertical and horizontal components. This roof has a one-half pitch, or 45 degrees to the horizontal. The other loadings are based upon judgment and statutory requirements.

Roof rafters, decking, etc., are in good condition, and figure to be safe for loading required.

Trusses have been supplanted by the use of two light steel trusses on each side of present wood trusses. Wood trusses will remain and serve to support loads until steel trusses have been placed in a manner to relieve wood trusses of their entire load.

Trusses and any other large members will be shipped to job knocked down in their component parts, using bolts for their assembly.

Welding, or use of torch, will not be permitted without permission of engineer, and then only after every precaution has been used to avoid fire by the use of asbestos blankets and Fire Department in attendance.

Wood trusses will remain in place after completion, thus eliminating their removal, and any damage to ceilings below. Bottom chord will be properly hung from steel trusses to obtain the above result. These trusses occur on the East side.

The West side, which is of wood girder and column construction, will be reinforced as shown on drawing No. 1, with steel channels, sizes as specified.

In addition, there will be eight cross frames, braced as shown on drawing No. 1, Roof Plan, and Section AA.

Bearings and anchorage for this work will be as designed, and properly amplified with further detailed drawings, as work progresses.

In addition to structural reinforcement, there are some recommendations which have been made by Mr. Lane and Mr. Milne of the Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These relate to fire hazards, such as fire screens, alterations to some doors, etc. These recommendations should be included as part of the project.

I make the following summary of work involved, and as heretofore described:

- 1—Reinforcement of footing or footings at North wall and Northwest corner of Southwest wing.
- 2—Pointing of walls throughout, and where required.
- 3—Caulking of exterior openings, and pointing of coping.
- 4—Reinforcement of roof framing.
- 5—Safety regulations as required by the Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Drawings 1 and 2, including this report, are sufficiently complete to obtain quotations, and sufficient number of drawings and copies of report will be furnished upon request.

I respectfully submit this survey and recommendations as based upon fact, and believed you will have a satisfactory building.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) C. W. Carroll

CHARLES W. CARROLL, R. P. E.

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On May 15, 1957, Mr. Milne, Inspector, replied to Mr. Carroll and the School Committee as follows:

May 15, 1957

To: Mr. Charles W. Carroll, P. E.,
93 Suffolk St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Subject: Hatfield Center School, Repairs

1. I have examined your preliminary plans and report dated May 14, 1957, dealing with necessary corrections of structural defects in the subject school building and approve the general method of correction shown on your drawings Nos. 1 and 2. I have so informed Inspector James Lane of our Greenfield office and am forwarding your plans and report to the Greenfield office.

2. Final plans and details of the work should be submitted to Inspector Lane for approval. Inspector Lane will specify any additional required corridor smoke screens and stairs enclosure partitions in accordance with the regulation of this Department.

DAVID C. MILNE,
State Building Inspector.

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C.C.: Eugene F. Proulx, Chairman School Committee,
Hatfield

Arthur Scott, Supt. of Schools, Hatfield
Chief of Inspectors, Boston
Insp. James Lane (with encs.)

In order to accomplish the alterations and repairs as ordered, the Committee requested Mr. Carroll to supply an estimate of the cost of the project. Mr. Carroll's estimate was \$25,000 and after a thorough discussion with the Committee, the estimate was accepted and a joint meeting of the Hatfield Finance Committee and Selectmen was arranged.

On May 20, 1957, the joint meeting was held at the Office of the Selectmen and the Center School situation was completely reviewed to date and all parties present were satisfied that a Special Appropriation request was necessary to enable the School Committee to carry out the alterations and repairs as demanded. It was the joint decision of the Committees to call a Special Town Meeting for the 28th of May, 1957. A copy of Article 1 of the Warrant for the special meeting follows:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$25,000.00 for Repairs to the Center School Building Roof and other repairs as ordered by the state building inspector, or act anything thereon.

The Special Town Meeting was held May 28, 1957, and Article 1 was voted by a simple "Aye" — "No" vote.

The alterations and repairs were divided into two general categories for specification and bid under the direction and approval of the Committee. Specifications were prepared for 1—Steel work in attic; 2—General contract work and bids were invited on both categories.

On June 5, 1957, invitations and specifications for the General Contract work were delivered to the following contractors: Aquadro & Cerruti, Inc.; M. I. O'Connor, Inc.; and D. A. Sullivan, Inc., all of Northampton, Mass. Specifications and invitations for the steel work were delivered to the following steel contractors on June 3, 1957:

National Steel Fabricators, Newington, Conn., and R. B. Dearden Co., Holyoke, Mass.

Bids were received and opened on June 12, 1957, as follows: General Contract — D. A. Sullivan, Inc.—no bid; Aquadro & Cerruti, Inc.—no bid; M. I. O'Connor, Inc.—\$14,000 without foundation work. Steel Bids — National Steel Fabricators—\$12,540; R. B. Deardon Co.—\$9,535.

The Committee moved and voted on June 12, 1957, to investigate each low bid and bidder and to further investigate the possibility of providing for the general contract work by some other method.

On June 17, 1957, the Committee met with Mr. Carroll, Mr. Thomas Wickles, and Mr. Zenan Barsh and discussed the possibility of dividing the General Contract work into the specialties of the respective contractors. Both Mr. Wickles and Mr. Barsh verbally agreed that they could do the work and would further do it on a cost plus basis if employed.

The Committee voted to reject the M. I. O'Connor bid. The bid for steel work was awarded by vote to the R. B. Dearden Co., Holyoke, Mass. It was voted by the Committee to employ T. J. Wickles and Son to do the general contract carpentry work and Z. J. Barsh to do the general contract masonry work. Both Wickles and Barsh were awarded contracts on the basis of "cost plus," which both the Committee and Mr. Carroll considered to be a better financial arrangement and would result in lowered general contract costs. This decision was to prove very judicious as the resulting general contract cost did prove to be considerably less than the bid received.

During the summer months both the steel and general contract work progressed satisfactorily. At the end of August the steel work was completed. The bulk of the

general contract work was completed by the end of August, but some minor work was carried through to the middle of November, when all work was finally completed.

On August 30, 1957, Mr. Lane, Inspector, issued an Inspection Certificate for the Center School building upon the basis of the completion of the major alterations and repairs as demanded by the Department of Public Safety. The certificate issued was for a one-year period with a building capacity of 250 persons. The basement rooms were not and are not approved for use except by verbal acknowledgment and on a time limit period with conditions as previously reported.

On December 9(1957, upon the final acceptance by the engineer, Mr. Carroll, the School Committee voted to accept the completed work and signed the final bills due all parties.

A complete financial statement of the Special Appropriation for Alterations and Repairs to the Center School follows:

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Alterations and Repairs

Appropriation received	\$25,000.00
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Expenditures:

Charles W. Carroll, P. E.	\$1,860.50
Zenan J. Barsh	5,736.95
Thomas J. Wickles & Son	3,873.71
Robert B. Dearden	9,535.00
Woodward Insurance Agency	40.70

Chester Celatka	60.57
Arthur G. Scott, Jr.	7.20
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Total Expenditures	\$21,114.63
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Returned to Surplus Revenue	\$ 3,885.37

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE F. PROULX

HENRY F. KULESZA

ARTHUR E. FITZGERALD

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Hatfield:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools, it being the second full year report of this administration.

The past year has been one of considerable accomplishment for the schools of Hatfield, both in the quality of educational offerings and in the physical and material aspects of the buildings and educational equipment.

Elementary

Under the very capable direction of Mrs. Dorothy Breor, the elementary schools have shown good progress and results. Mrs. Breor's "Center School Principal's Report" enumerates the activities which have been carried out in grades 1-8. I have read and approved the report as written. Your attention is directed to her report.

Secondary

One course was added to the curriculum at the secondary level. The demand for French II was sufficient to warrant offering the course this year. Because of the large enrollment in Typing I, the class was divided into two sections to facilitate individualization of instruction and to accommodate the enrollment without adding new equipment to the Commercial Department. The driver education course was continued for the third year. This year physics is being offered to junior and senior students on an alternating schedule with chemistry.

The major textbook changes made this year were in the General Mathematics and Biology courses. The texts of both classes were replaced because of the condition and age of previous texts. Selection of the new texts was made on the basis of content, after careful examination and comparison of several texts in each field. The present text for General Mathematics is a transition text and presents both an extension and review of previously taught math as well as an introduction to algebra and geometry, which should prove invaluable for those pupils who decide to enter advanced math courses after their freshman year. The selected Biology text is very well edited and contains up-to-date information of the advances in the biological and medical fields. The text introduces the historical background, results of and practical explanations and applications of biological information.

The pupils of Smith Academy are for the most part very capable, ambitious and determined pupils. A large number have shown these qualities by taking more than the required four graduation credits per year. Pupils, who by their previous records of high accomplishment indicate capacity to succeed, are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity offered at the Academy. The course requirements for every pupil are maintained at a high standard and every pupil is expected to work to the full extent of his or her capacity in each course.

The Academy is a member in good standing of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a regional accrediting agency for college entrance requirements. The agency recognizes the course content and standards maintained as meeting college entrance requirements if an average of eighty-five per cent or more is maintained by the pupil. Many colleges will accept a candidate without examination if course require-

ments and averages are maintained. Not all colleges have the same entrance requirements or standards and it is the best policy to investigate these personally and at the college where entrance is sought.

Each year, because many colleges demand the results, information is forwarded to the junior and senior pupils regarding the College Entrance Board examinations which are administered nationally. All arrangements are made by the pupils on an individual basis.

This past October the Scholarship Qualifying Tests were administered to all seniors. The scores represented a full range of aptitude and matched the staff's judgment of pupil abilities very accurately.

The regular testing program at the secondary level includes two mental ability tests; three achievement tests, one aptitude test prior to enrollment at the Academy. The commercial pupils are tested several times with special testing instruments and all pupils receive teacher-made tests and quizzes in their respective courses. The Massachusetts Division of Employment Security administers vocational tests to all seniors and consults with each pupil prior to graduation regarding its diagnosis of the results of their testing.

Pupils who are planning to continue their education beyond the secondary level are finding that only those who possess better than average records of accomplishment are being considered for admission. Recently several colleges have announced plans for accelerated college courses for those pupils who show exceptional aptitude. It is to the advantage of any pupil who has plans for entering post-secondary education to do more than the minimum amount of secondary work, as well as to maintain a record of accomplishment which cannot be questioned.

Activities at the secondary level are not limited to those in the classroom. The Academy offers a wide range of pupil activities outside the formal educational situation. The activities in which pupils participate by choice are: Student Council; Thespians; boy's soccer, basketball and baseball; girl's basketball; yearbook; school newspaper; public speaking; Student Government day; school savings; on-the-road driver education; Glee Club.

As a matter of public interest, the enrollment in the various secondary courses for the current school year is as follows: English I, 29; English II, 32; English III A, 14; English III-IV B, 14; English IV A, 11; Latin I, 10; Latin II, 12; Problems of Democracy, 19; French I, 23; French II, 10; French III, 6; Algebra I, 17; Algebra II, 12; Plane Geometry, 17; Solid Geometry, 8; Trigonometry, 8; Physics, 16; General Science, 22; U. S. History, 20; World History, 29; Junior Business Training, 10; Home and Family—boys, 15; Home and Family—girls, 14; General Math, 14; Biology, 32; Home Economics, 13; Typing I, 17; Typing I, 17, total 34; Typing II, 9; Shorthand I, 7; Shorthand II, 6; Bookkeeping, 8; Secretarial Practice, 8; Driver Education, 23. The average number of graduation credit courses taken by each pupil at the academy is 4.6. There are 11 pupils taking six graduation credits this year; 40 taking five credits; and 48 taking four credits. A large percentage of pupils participates in one or more extracurricular activities.

Smith Academy

Until 1921 the secondary education, grades nine through twelve, was provided by trustees of the Sophia Smith will, which established as a gift to the Town of Hatfield, Smith Academy, to be used for the purpose of secondary education for the town. Under this arrangement the trustees provided the building, instructors, and

controlled the curriculum and activities which were offered.

In the year 1921 the trustees relinquished all control of secondary education which they had previously held and by vote of the town, in town meeting, leased the building known as the Smith Academy building from the Trustees to the Town of Hatfield for the amount of one dollar per year. The Trustees guaranteed to maintain the physical property at their own expense. Under the arrangement all control of instructors, curriculum and activities was vested in the school committee and this arrangement has been in force to the present time. It is interesting to note that, as nearly as can be determined, only one lease payment of one dollar has ever been demanded by the trustees and this occurred in 1921 to legalize the lease arrangement. Since 1921 the trustees have maintained and improved the physical properties of the building from their own resources and at no time has the town been a contributor to the maintenance or improvement of the Academy building. The original lease contained the request by the trustees, that the name Smith Academy be retained.

The Academy trustees have recently expressed their willingness and desire to continue to provide building facilities to house grades nine through twelve. They have assured the town that should additional space be needed to house secondary pupils they will make their resources available and provide the facilities which it now appears may be necessary.

Properties

During the year extensive alterations and repairs to the Center School building were carried out as demanded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety. A full report of this project is contained in the separate

“Center School — Alterations and Repairs” report of this school report.

Changes in the Center School not made under the demands of the Department of Public Safety were:

1. Conversion of the south basement area to a temporary classroom. The conversion included the installation of an asphalt tile floor, blocking of two archways, installation of lighting fixtures and outlet, blackboards, bulletin board and bookcase. The room was decorated in a two-tone cocoa color combination. Movable pupil desk and chair units were provided; also such items as a table, teacher's desk, chairs, electric clock and venetian blinds.
2. Redecoration of two classrooms, boys' and girls' basements and basement corridors, health room and teachers' room.
The redecoration consisted of making necessary minor repairs and painting.
3. Repair of a water damaged ceiling in one classroom.
4. Replacement of four toilet fixtures on the second floor of Center School.
5. Painting of outdoor steel play equipment.
6. Minor repairs and maintenance were carried out where and as necessary to maintain the building in good condition.

Only minor repairs and maintenance were carried out for the School Street School. The most important was the servicing of one heating blower unit.

The Trustees of the Smith Academy building carried out the necessary maintenance and repairs to the building. During the summer a new door casing for the rear entrance was installed, one room was redecorated, two lights of clear safety glass were installed in the main

front entrance, fire retarding installations were completed in the boiler room, additional gas jets were installed in the laboratory and other minor repairs completed.

The maintenance and repairs enumerated above were provided, without cost to the town, by the Academy Trustees. The co-operation of the Trustees in maintaining the Academy building continues to be of the highest calibre.

Costs

Each year the State Department of Education releases per pupil cost comparisons for all communities in the Commonwealth. The cost comparisons are made on similar administrative divisions and for all pupils in the communities' schools in all grades.

The Hatfield schools are administered on the elementary system of grades one through eight and the secondary unit of grades nine through twelve. For the school year ending June 30, 1957, Hatfield's per pupil costs for grades 1-8 was \$203.74, the average for other communities in the same category was \$232.03; the average cost for all pupils grades 1-8 for all communities in the state, regardless of size but with the same administrative unit, was \$241.01. For the school year ending June 30, 1957, Hatfield's per pupil costs for grades 9-12 was \$400.48, the average for other communities with the same administrative unit was \$418.94, the average cost for all pupils grades 9-12 for all communities in the state regardless of size but with the same administrative unit was \$364.47.

When the comparison of costs is based on all pupils in all grades in a community and all pupils in all grades in the state, the comparison shows the following positions: Hatfield's cost per pupil in net average membership for all grades from all sources of support, local support

and state reimbursement combined, is \$246.41, while the state average using the same comparison is \$275.57.

When comparison of per pupil costs of all pupils in all grades in communities "under 5,000 population with high schools" is made, the comparison shows the following position: Hatfield's cost per pupil in not average membership for all grades from all sources of support, local and state reimbursement is \$246.41, while the average for communities in the category is \$277.29.

A comparison of per pupil support for schools from local sources and from State reimbursement shows the following: from local support per pupil for Hatfield, \$189.32; the average support per pupil from local sources for the state, \$226.83. Support per pupils received from state reimbursement for Hatfield, \$57.09. The average support per pupil for the state from state reimbursement was \$43.03.

The per pupil school costs of Hatfield have been below those of the state average. Costs have influenced and continue to influence the decisions which must be made.

It is prudent to provide those facilities and materials which will enable the teachers to carry out the functions of instruction and enable each pupil to realize the full extent of his or her ability.

Staff

The Hatfield school staff, as in the past, has continued to provide the high calibre of service to the schools and the community that is expected. Their interest in their work and the pupils they serve is exhibited daily both in and out of the classrooms. The number of staff members who continue to fortify their professional background by additional study and preparation is indeed gratifying. They have shown a willingness and desire to

improve their teaching ability by adopting new teaching media and approaches to the learning situation.

The staff is always anxious and willing to discuss individual pupil problems with parents and invites scheduled parental conference after regular school hours. Visits to the classrooms are invited at any time.

The service staff of the schools, which includes the school nurse, cafeteria workers, school clerk and janitors, carry out their assignments in a competent and efficient manner.

During the year several staff changes occurred in the elementary grades and these are enumerated in the school committee report. Our secondary staff remained constant. In both units staff reassignments were made. In the elementary grades Miss Kempisty was assigned as social studies teacher of sixth, seventh and eighth grades; Mrs. DeCarolis to all reading and spelling instruction for the same grades; Mr. Rudzik to all science for the same grades, Mr. Gallagher to all math and junior high coach; Mrs. Ryack to a third grade, Mrs. Stenglein to a grade two; Mrs. Labbee to a grade three, and Mrs. Brassord to a grade four. At the secondary level, Mr. Symancyk was assigned Freshman World History and the Junior Business Training course and Mrs. Muller to the Senior Problems of Democracy class and French III, which was added to her instructional duties.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the townspeople, the staff of the schools, Trustees, pupils, the School Committee and others who have assisted the schools and me during the past year. The co-operation which has been extended to me by all persons is most gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.

Superintendent of Schools.

Principal of Center School

To the School Committee of Hatfield:

I wish to submit this second annual report, which is my first report as principal of the elementary schools of Hatfield.

Curriculum Reorganization

Our educational philosophy today considers the total growth and development of each child—physically, socially, mentally, and emotionally. Therefore, the curriculum offered must be based on the interests, needs, and abilities of all the children. Consequently, it becomes a responsibility of the school to provide a curriculum that will bring about the most desirable organization of learning experiences for the pupils.

For that reason, the junior high schedule has been reorganized this year. The program listed below has many advantages over the curriculum organization of former years. It is now a departmentalized program for the entire day. Each teacher in a subject area has the pupils throughout their junior high school years. Therefore, the teacher can most effectively organize a program of studies based on the children's interests, abilities, and needs. Such a developmental program can assure each child of continuous growth and development according to his own needs. There is opportunity for a greater cooperative relationship between teachers of different subjects and greater correlation of all areas of learning.

In past years reading, art, music, spelling, and penmanship were taught by the homeroom teacher. Today we have capitalized on the interests and talents of each of these teachers. Each teacher is responsible for one of these programs.

Physical education is taught in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades by Mr. Symancyk of the high school staff. Each class of boys and girls has a forty-five minute period of physical education every week. We all know the advantages of physical education to the total development of each child. Because the only facilities available are in the Memorial Town Hall, one realizes that it is impossible to have more classes in physical education in the elementary grades. With the present limited facilities it is difficult to schedule the classes we now have. Still one cannot ignore the fact that physical education has an important bearing on the physical, social, and emotional development of each child.

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE — 8:45-1:45

	Grade 8	Grade 6A	Grade 6B	Grade 7
8:45-9:00	Open. Exer.	Open. Exer.	Open. Exer.	Open. Exer.
9:00-9:45	Social Studies	English	Science	Reading
9:45-10:30	English	Reading	Math.	Science
10:30-10:45	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:45-11:30	Math.	Science	Social Studies	English
11:30-12:15	Science	Math.	Reading	Social Studies
12:15-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-1:45	Reading	Social Studies	English	Math.

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE — 1:45-2:45

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
1:45-2:15	Gr. 8 Pen	Gr. 8 Art	Gr. 8 Music	Gr. 8 Spell.
	Gr. 7 Art	Gr. 7 Pen.	Gr. 7 Spell.	Gr. 7 Music
	Gr. 6A Music	Gr. 6A Spell.	Gr. 6A Art	Gr. 6A Pen.
	Gr. 6B Spell.	Gr. 6B Music	Gr. 6B Pen.	Gr. 6B Art
2:15-2:45	Gr. 8 Spell.	Gr. 8 Art	Gr. 8 Pen.	Gr. 8 Music
	Gr. 7 Art	Gr. 7 Spell.	Gr. 7 Music	Gr. 7 Pen.
	Gr. 6A Pen.	Gr. 6A Music	Gr. 6A Art	Gr. 6A Spell.
	Gr. 6B Music	Gr. 6B Pen.	Gr. 6B Spell.	Gr. 6B Art

Note: Wednesday

1:45-2:00 Homeroom Study Hall

2:00-2:45 Release Time for Religious Education Classes

Penmanship Report

Copy:

December 17, 1957

Mrs. Breor, Principal
Hatfield Public Schools
Hatfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Breor:

Once again I am pleased to report on the operation of the handwriting program for the past year.

Your teachers have continued to give us the splendid cooperation which has become traditional in your schools and for many courtesies extended to me and my personnel I am most grateful.

Our records show at the conclusion of June, 1957, that 99% of the papers scored were Excellent or Good. It is reasonable to conclude, therefore, that 99% of the papers were eminently satisfactory. Only 1% of the papers were rated Fair or Unsatisfactory.

During the past school year we graded and diagnosed approximately 8,500 samples of handwriting for your pupils. A formal test was administered at 4 teaching-week intervals and a report was furnished each teacher in writing giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room. We supplied the following instructional and motivational materials to your pupils and teachers: teacher outlines and folders, pupil folders, motivation graphs, individual certificates to pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts, handedness tests, envelopes, seals, etc.

Our primary objective is to teach your students to read and write both cursive handwriting and hand lettering in order that they may have these two tools as effi-

cient aids in school, business, and social correspondence. At each grade level we attempt to achieve the standard norm in speed and never lose sight of the fact that the concomitants of neatness, accuracy, and attention to detail in doing work are desirable characteristics that need to be developed along with technical skill.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART

Director

School Savings Program

Mrs. V. S. Connors, School Savings Director, has submitted the following report which I should like to include in my report:

The students in the Center and School Street schools participate in the School Savings program sponsored by the three mutual savings banks: Florence Savings Bank, Nonotuck Savings Bank and Northampton Institution for Savings.

Tuesday is bank day each week.

The total participation for the past school year from both schools was 57.7%.

The total amount banked for the year was \$6,473.30. Of this amount \$4,814 was transferred from School Savings to regular interest-bearing accounts.

In September of this year a new envelope system was adopted.

Previously, the books were either kept in school or taken to school each Tuesday and the teacher made an entry in the passbook when she accepted the bank money.

This year, the passbooks are kept at home and on Mondays, envelopes are given to the students by the teachers for their bank money.

Either the parents or the students make the entries in the books and tear out the deposit slip to enclose in the envelope with the money. With this system, the parents should have an accurate record of the money banked at school each week.

The banks sponsoring the program feel that the parents appreciate this record and, therefore, are glad to furnish the envelopes to the students.

When the school money is transferred to regular interest-bearing accounts it is done in the School Savings office and a transfer slip is then issued to the student at school. The transfer slip states the date when the transfer took place and the correct balance at that time. Instructions are printed on the slip.

If any explanation is desired, please feel free to call the School Savings office, JU 4-4048. It will be a privilege to answer questions.

(MRS.) V. S. CONNORS

School Savings Director

Supervision of the School Lunch Program

From the school lunch director's report, we realize that the majority of our school children are taking advantage of the hot lunches served in the school cafeteria in the basement of the town hall. Here, under the capable management of Mrs. Hazel Roberts and her staff, a hot, nutritious lunch is served to the school children. From the menus published weekly the parents are fully aware

of the type of lunch served each day. It is not only a Grade A lunch, but it offers a variety of nourishing food to the hungry children.

Many of you should be aware of the fact that our teaching staff and children have given one hundred per cent co-operation to this project. From the moment the children leave the classroom to go to lunch, the children are under the care and supervision of the teaching staff. A typical day will find each child not only eating a well-balanced meal, but also given the opportunity to learn proper lunchroom and table etiquette.

Each class has appointed hosts and hostesses for each table. These children not only lead the children in saying grace before meal, but also assist in seating and dismissing pupils from the tables. Each group of children helps in removing the dishes from the table after lunch has been eaten. It isn't a great task for the children, but it certainly gives them a little responsibility which all share equally.

Our lunchroom situation is a picture of true democracy at work. Such co-operative effort by the lunchroom personnel, the teaching staff, and the children has made the program most successful.

National Education Week

Throughout our nation the second week of November was celebrated as National Education Week. In observance of this week, the schools of Hatfield held "Open House" on Thursday, November 14, from seven to eight o'clock.

The large group of interested parents that visited the schools that evening once again verified our belief that you, the parents, appreciate the opportunity of meeting with the teachers, viewing the classroom work, and noting the physical improvements that have been made in our schools.

Most of the parents were particularly interested in the work of their own children, but one hour was not long enough for any teacher to hold a private conference with each and every parent, although the teachers did their best to talk to as many parents as possible. "Open House" is fine for general discussions about the workings of the schools, but it is difficult to hold private discussions about particular children. Time is limited and furthermore, the situation is all but private. It creates a difficult situation for the teacher and for the parent. This is the main reason why we urge parents with particular problems to arrange for private conferences after school hours at a time convenient for both the teacher and the parent.

Our doors are always opened. We welcome visits from citizens of the town. By visiting the classrooms, while school is in session, you will better understand the work done by the various classes. Only by first-hand observation can you understand what is being taught, how it is taught, and how your child fits into the total classroom situation.

Audio-Visual Aids Program

This past year our audio-visual aids program has grown and developed tremendously due to the interest of the school committee, Mr. Scott, and the teachers. Not only has much needed equipment been purchased, but there has been some greater enthusiasm and interest shown in the program by all concerned.

The new portable Du-All screen enables us to use the audio-visual materials in any classroom throughout the building, whenever a teacher requests such a program. No longer is it necessary to disrupt and re-schedule classes so that the permanently fixed wall screen in the science room can be used. This daylight screen also has an added feature—a flannel board on the reverse side which can be used effectively in our instructional program.

A new filmstrip projector has been added, which is easy to operate and most effective.

Many new filmstrips and records have been purchased which can be used at various grade levels and in many different areas of learning. These will aid the teachers by supplementing their instruction.

The new tape recorder has unlimited use and value in our educational program. It can be used to develop proper speech and reading habits. In the fields of language arts, music, social studies, arithmetic, and for special events, tape recordings can be used advantageously. Many programs from radio and television can be brought directly into the classroom on tape.

In education today there are countless uses for these teaching and learning aids that will increase student interest and learning. The time, effort, and expense that any teaching aid involves can be justified when one realizes its contribution to the total educational progress.

The Music Program

This year for the first time in many years rhythm band instruments have been purchased for the first grades. This instruments include rhythm sticks, clogs, tambourines, castanets, rhythm bells, triangles, cymbals,

tone blocks, a snare drum, and rhythm claves. These are simple percussion instruments which primarily teach rhythmic recognition in music. The rhythm band is an excellent means of group instrumental instruction before children can read music. It also teaches them a little about melody and harmony.

"Music for Living" was the title of the spring musical program presented at the Memorial Town Hall Friday evening, May 3, under the direction of Mrs. Esther Norris, the music supervisor, assisted by the other teachers. Representatives of each of the grades throughout the Hatfield schools participated in this delightful program.

The music chosen for this program was taken from the regular school music program. Grades one, two, and three presented "Music for Play"; grades four and five, "Music, Our Heritage"; grades six, seven, and eight, "Music for Worship"; and the Smith Academy Glee Club, "Music for Today."

Tuesday, December 10, the pupils of the Hatfield public school presented a Christmas program, "An Inn in Bethlehem," to a large audience of interested parents and friends. Richard Byrne and Dorothy Sadlowski of the high school very vividly portrayed the lives of the inn-keeper and his wife. The children of the elementary, junior high, and high school delighted the audience with their singing of Christmas carols and songs which had their origin in many foreign lands.

New Classroom Materials and Equipment

A new third grade classroom was opened in the basement of Center School this fall. The new movable furniture, tile floors, and freshly painted walls provide a

pleasant physical environment for children in this third grade.

It was also encouraging to see the new movable furniture in two of the junior high classrooms. These units enable a teacher to group her children in any way desired to provide the best possible learning situation.

With the present concern about science in education today, the administration has been increasingly interested in developing a science program that will meet the needs of the children in the elementary and junior high schools. New science textbooks have been ordered from the L. W. Singer Co. so that children from the first grade through the eighth grade will have a continuous development program in science. New science equipment has been added to our science kit so that teachers and pupils may demonstrate scientific principles through experiments.

Supplementary library books have been purchased for the various classrooms so that the children will have available some interesting reading materials. If we can get children interested in reading good literature, many of our reading problems in the future will be eliminated.

The latest addition to classrooms has been the installation of Venetian blinds. These have been installed in the basement rooms and the third, second, and fourth grade rooms on the first and second floors. These blinds are invaluable for controlling light in the classroom.

CENTER SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM—1957

Scripture	Carol Maslanka
Follow the Gleam	Grades 6, 7, 8
Welcome	David Byrne
Early Elementary Education in Massachusetts	Marcus J. Boyle
Early Secondary Education in Massachusetts	Albert Cechvala
Twentieth Century Trends in Education	Mary Ann Osley
Old Hundred	Grades 6, 7, 8
Yankee Doodle	Grades 6, 7, 8
We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder	Grades 6, 7, 8
America	Grades 6, 7, 8

Presentation of Class Gift

Judith Porada

Presentation of Library Awards

Mrs. Theresa Godin

Presentation of Penmanship Awards

Mr. Vernon Stiles

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Arthur G. Scott, Jr.

Class Song

Class of '57

Star Spangled Banner

All

Graduates

Boys

Frank Betsold
 Marcus Boyle
 David Byrne
 Albert Cechvala
 Joseph Chandler
 Ronald Goller
 David Hoffman
 Thomas LaBelle
 Thomas Michaloski

George Osley
 Stephen Osley
 Bernard Pelis
 Richard Petrowicz
 Robert Slysz
 Robert Start
 Richard Vachula
 Richard Wanczyk
 Henry Wykowski

Robert Osepowicz

Girls

Kathleen Bucala
 Judith Buckman
 Marion Buckowski
 Carol Celatka
 Eileen Deres
 Claire Galenski

Carol Maslanka
 Mary Ann Osley
 Judith Porada
 Sarah Watson
 Patricia Wilkes
 Joyce Zehelski

Joan Goller

Conclusion

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the school committee, the superintendent, the teaching staff, the custodians, the townspeople, and the pupils for the assistance they have given me during this past year. It is only with a spirit of co-operation between the school personnel and the people of the community that our schools can provide the type of educational program we want for the children of Hatfield.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. BREOR

Principal of Center School

School Nurse

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Hatfield:

Teamwork is essential in the school health program. The primary responsibility for the health of children rests in the home. An obligation for helping the home maintain and improve child health is shared by many—the school, the health department, the school doctor, the school nurse and others.

The schools have a major responsibility for the education of children and youth in health, as well as in other fields, and have certain responsibilities for health services. The following health services are offered to the children in our schools: health examinations, screening tests for vision and hearing, measurement of height and weight and the provision of emergency service for injury and sudden illness. Follow-up visits are made to the homes of children who are found to be in need of further diagnostic work and care. The school is dependent on the parents, the child's physician and other health resources that are necessary. Many children have disabilities, often chronic or permanent in nature, which may create problems in obtaining an education. These are the children who are orthopedically handicapped; children with poor sight and hearing, allergies, heart disease and other conditions.

Health examinations have been completed. All the children of the elementary school, sophomores, seniors and all those who participate in athletics have been given thorough examinations. Parents of children in grades

ones and four were invited to be present at the time of their child's examination. Several parents were present and were given the opportunity to discuss their child's health with the examining physician.

Screening tests for Vision and Hearing have been completed. These tests are important for a child needs to see and hear reasonably well in order to progress in school. Visual keenness in childhood often changes rapidly — for this reason, tests are done annually. The following is a report of our vision testing program:

Number of pupils tested via the Massachusetts Vision Test	416
Number of pupils who failed the re-test	33
Number of pupils who have seen an eye specialist and have received correction	26
Number of pupils who did not report for further examination	7

The children's hearing is tested by means of the Audiometer and any hearing loss may readily be detected through this instrument. A report of this program is as follows:

Number of pupils tested	312
Number of pupils who failed the re-test	10
Number of pupils who were seen by an ear specialist	8
Number of pupils who did not report	2

It was possible, through the Board of Health, to conduct several immunization clinics. In February, two Polio clinics were held. The Booster Polio injection was given to 299 students. There were 17 students who received their first injection and 28 received their second injection.

In the spring, Booster immunizations were given for Diphtheria-Whooping Cough and Tetanus. At the March clinic 113 children were inoculated, in April, 111 and in May, 72. In addition, eight children received the series of three injections.

Communicable diseases reported during the school year are as follows:

Mumps	14
German Measles	4

In accordance with the State Health Laws, all personnel having contact with school children are required to be X-rayed every three years. All personnel were X-rayed and were reported to be negative.

Registration for entering first grade pupils was held in May. There were 47 children enrolled.

My sincere appreciation is extended to the school officials, physicians, teachers and parents for their cooperation and assistance in the school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R.N.

Visiting Nurse

To the Citizens of Hatfield:

The following is the report of the Visiting Nurse to the Board of Directors of the Hatfield Visiting Nurse Association:

It is again my pleasure to submit my annual report, the 10th, as the Visiting Nurse of Hatfield.

As this service is about to conclude its 10th year, we may note, by the total number of visits made, that public health nursing is still a vital service in our community. Many patients have been given earlier discharges from the hospital because nursing service was available in the home. The return to routine homelife has been a great asset in their recovery and in many instances has hastened their return to near normal health.

During 1957, a total of 485 visits were made. Many types of nursing care have been rendered to individuals. Besides bedside care to the chronically and acutely ill person, post-operative care, injections of various medicines, care of the newborn, and instructions have been given. On many occasions the method of administering insulin has been demonstrated to the patient or to a member of his family.

A Well Child Clinic was conducted in May. During the two-day session, 51 children were examined by Dr. Fredericka Smith of Northampton. The nutritionists who assisted were Miss Florence Gates of Northampton and Mrs. Thomas Williams of Amherst. Follow-up

visits were made to the homes of those for whom recommendations were made for further care.

On March 6, a polio clinic was held. Booster polio injections were given to 88 pre-school children. There were 11 who received their second injection and 13, their first.

An immunization clinic was held in the spring, whereby pre-school children were given injections as a protection against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus. Booster inoculations were given to 59 children. Five children who had never had this protection received the series of three.

Upon request received from the District Health office, visits have been made to the homes of children who attend the State-conducted Crippled Children's Clinics.

The following is a reports of the calls made during the year, which classifies as follows:

Chronic Medical	297
Acute Medical	50
Surgical	35
Maternity and Newborn	21
Child Welfare	63
Prenatal	4
TB Contacts	15

The fees collected for these visits amounted to \$295.50. There were 109 visits made to Welfare recipients, for which no payment was received. The total number of miles travelled amounted to 2,837.

At this time, I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors and to the townspeople for their assistance and cooperation in making this past year a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCILLE H. GODEK, R.N.

EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS FOR 1957

Balance as of January 1, 1957	\$	188.57
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Receipts:

From Visiting Nurse	\$	286.50
From Town of Hatfield		1,250.00

Total Receipts for 1957		<u>1,536.50</u>	\$	1,725.07
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Expenses:

Nurse's salary	\$	1,300.00
Mileage		126.56
Social Security		29.02
Bank charges		1.22
Printing of check book		3.52
Clerk		25.00

Total Expenses		<u>1,485.32</u>	\$	1,485.32
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Balance as of January 1, 1958	\$	<u>239.75</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL I. BYRNE, Chairman

Nursing Advisory Committee

School Lunch

To the School Committee of Hatfield:

The past year has shown a continued rise in the number of pupils participating in the school lunch program. During the year an average of 351 Type "A" pupil lunches were served daily during the one and one-half hour serving period.

Our Type "A" lunch and lunch program conforms to the State and Federal School Lunch Program requirements for financial reimbursement and distribution of surplus commodities. At least once a year our program undergoes an inspection by a Commonwealth School Lunch representative who inspects menus, financial records, storage and preparation facilities, conditions of sanitation and such other phases of the program as are deemed necessary.

The Type "A" lunch served in our program consists of foods which meet the following minimum daily requirements:

1. One-half pint of milk as a beverage.
2. Two ounces of one or a combination of eight protein-rich foods.
3. Three-fourths cup fruit and/or vegetable.
4. A slice of whole grain or enriched bread or rolls, muffins, etc., made from those flours.
5. Two teaspoons butter or fortified margarine.

The school lunch menus are published both in locally available newspapers and posted in each home room so that parents and pupils know what is being served on any given day. On occasion, due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to change a menu — however, this possibility is held to a minimum by early ordering of merchandise from our suppliers.

The program receives surplus commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture on a monthly basis. The commodities received vary from time to time and are entirely dependent on available surplus supplies. Our program makes use of as many and as much of these supplies as is practical.

During the lunch period the high school pupils are supervised by high school teachers who have their lunch at the cafeteria. The elementary pupils are supervised by their home room teacher with overall supervision and control capably handled by Mrs. Breor, the Elementary Principal.

The procedures of shared lunch room activities and responsibilities by pupils continues to be a valuable and worthwhile education experience. Given the opportunities, the children have proved themselves willing and capable of accepting responsibility for their own activity.

The present school lunch workers are very capable, efficient and pleasant persons whose ability make the program so successful. During the year Mrs. Phyllis Kuzonski was employed on a part-time basis to assist during the serving period.

The financial account of the lunch program can be found in the Town Accountant's report, which appears in another section of this Town Report.

The following is an accounting of the number of lunches served during the year:

Month	Days	No. of
	Lunch Served	Lunches Served
January	22	7,463
February	15	5,149
March	21	7,212
April	17	5,720
May	21	6,981
June	8	2,703
September	19	7,269
October	22	8,307
November	17	5,552
December	14	5,273
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SCOTT, JR.

Director, Hatfield School Lunch

HATFIELD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1957

	Elementary Grades										Elem. Total	H.S. Grades					H.S. Total	Total All Grades
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				9	10	11	12			
1951	35	38	35	36	28	18	22	22		234	—	25	26	20	17		88	322
1952	48	38	32	31	40	26	20	21		256	—	18	25	21	20		84	340
1953	54	44	29	38	31	35	25	21		277	—	20	16	26	19		81	358
1954	38	54	42	32	38	34	38	26		302	—	21	20	16	23		20	382
1955	49	33	51	41	29	37	32	36		308	—	24	21	18	15		78	386
1956	42	53	33	54	41	28	39	32		322	—	32	23	20	17		92	414
1957	48	47	56	37	51	40	28	40		347	—	29	34	20	19		102	449

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PREDICTED ENROLLMENT CHART

Based on October 1, 1957, Census of in-school and pre-school children

	Elem.								Total	H.S. Total	Total All Grades				
	Elementary Grades														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	H.S. Grades						
									9	10	11	12			
1957	48	47	56	37	51	40	28	40	347	29	34	20	19	102	449
1958	42	48	47	56	37	51	40	28	349	29	34	20	19	102	449
1959	42	42	48	47	56	37	51	40	363	28	40	29	34	131	494
1960	37	42	42	48	47	56	37	51	360	40	28	40	29	137	497
1961	47	37	42	42	48	47	56	37	356	51	40	28	40	159	515
1962	47	47	37	42	42	48	47	56	366	37	51	40	28	156	522
1963	*43	47	47	37	42	42	48	47	**353	56	37	51	40	184	537

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*Resident births and transfers as of December 31, 1957

**Includes *

SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1957

	Boys	Girls	Total
From age 5 to 7	52	45	97
From age 7 to 16	193	184	377
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	245	229	474

Comparative Totals for Seven-Year Period

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
From age 5 to 7	68	88	115	109	90	92	97
From age 7 to 16	259	266	259	291	319	354	377
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	327	354	374	400	409	446	474

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1957

Regular Day School

Regular Day School

Appropriation for support	\$113,500.00
Unexpended balance—returned to Surplus Cash	593.33
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Total Expenditures	\$112,906.67

Credits: Reimbursements to Town of Hatfield
from Commonwealth of Massachusetts

General School Fund (Chap. 70)	\$18,945.00
Transportation (Chap. 71)	5,098.50
Vocational Agriculture	2,606.97
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Total reimbursement for regular Day School

to Town of Hatfield from Commonwealth	\$ 26,650.47
Credits: Reimbursement to School Committee from Federal Government	
Federal Law—PL874	\$ 2,194.72
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Total reimbursement to School Committee received from Federal Government	\$ 2,194.72
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Vocational Tuition and Transportation

Vocational Tuition and Transportation

Appropriation for support	\$ 3,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	893.70
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Total support	\$ 4,393.70
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Credits: Reimbursements to Town of Hatfield
from Commonwealth of Massachusetts
for Vocational Tuition and Transportation -

Vocational Tuition	\$ 1,200.44
Vocational Transportation	273.20

Total reimbursement for Vocational Tuition and Transportation to Town of Hatfield from Commonwealth	\$ 1,473.64
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ESTIMATES OF REIMBURSEMENT DUE
TOWN OF HATFIELD
ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FROM COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
.1958

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Regular Day Schools	
Chapter 70	\$ 18,250.00
Chapter 71	4,500.00
Vocational Agriculture	none

Total Estimated Reimbursements	
Regular Day School	\$ 22,750.00

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Vocational Tuition and Transportation	1,100.00
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Total Estimated Reimbursement from Commonwealth—All education	\$ 23,850.00
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Estimate of Reimbursement due Hatfield
School Committee Account of Public Schools
Federal Aid under PL 874

From Federal Government

PL 874	\$ 1,000.00
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Total Estimated Reimbursement	\$ 1,000.00
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Total Estimate all Reimbursement for all Education	\$ 24,850.00
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SCHOOL BUDGET 1957

General Control	\$ 2,900.00	
Instruction	86,210.00	
Operation	10,675.00	
Maintenance and Repair	900.00	
Capital Outlay	2,200.00	
Other Agencies	10,615.00	
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Total 1957 Budget		\$113,500.00

1957 BUDGET

Appropriation	Expended
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GENERAL CONTROL

\$ 2,100.00	Superintendent's Salary	\$ 2,100.00
100.00	Office Expenses	93.86
150.00	Superintendent's Expenses	174.69
50.00	Census	50.00
200.00	Work Certificates	200.00
300.00	Clerk	300.90
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\$ 2,900.00		\$ 2,919.45

INSTRUCTION

\$ 29,390.00	Secondary salaries	\$ 29,402.54
49,120.00	Elementary salaries	48,672.79
600.00	Instruction—Crippled children	403.75
2,175.00	Music, Penmanship and Art	1,724.92
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\$ 81,285.00		\$ 80,204.00

Elementary Instructional Supplies, Texts, etc.

\$ 3,000.00	Elementary—Instr. supplies	\$ 2,440.00
50.00	Elementary—Principal's exp.	10.98
150.00	Elementary—A. V. Aids	\$ 161.53
50.00—	Elementary—Office expenses	12.09
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\$ 3,250.00		\$ 2,624.60

Secondary Instructional Supplies, Texts, etc.

\$ 1,300.00	Secondary—Instr. supplies	\$ 1,434.45
50.00	Secondary—Principal's exp.	26.51
175.00	D. E.—Ins., Supplies, Trans.	126.66
100.00	Secondary—A. V. Aids	41.33
50.00	Secondary—Office expense	19.12
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\$ 1,675.00		\$ 1,648.07

OPERATION

\$ 3,150.00	Elementary—Janitor's salary	\$ 3,150.00
2,950.00	Secondary—Janitor's salary	2,950.00
1,900.00	Elementary Fuel	2,557.12
900.00	Secondary Fuel	1,193.22
900.00	Misc. Operational—Elementary	888.11
400.00	Misc. Operational—Secondary	446.17
100.00	Town Hall Janitor's supplies	101.60
175.00	Telephone service—Elementary	167.15
200.00	Telephone service—Secondary	223.66
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\$ 10,675.00		\$ 11,677.03

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

\$ 800.00	Center School	\$ 2,749.87
100.00	Center Street School	9.80
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\$ 900.00		\$ 2,759.67

CAPITAL OUTLAY

\$ 2,200.00	New Equipment	\$ 972.00
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OTHER AGENCIES

\$ 7,295.00	Transportation	\$ 7,178.00
500.00	Transportation—Athletic	172.50
1,600.00	Salary of Nurse	1,600.00
75.00	Health Supplies	41.38
200.00	School Library—Elementary	202.57
100.00	School Library—Secondary	112.07
200.00	Physical Ed.—towels, supplies	188.14
420.00	Athletic insurance	412.30
130.00	Graduation	142.17
45.00	Insurance—Liability, etc.	30.50
50.00	Miscellaneous	22.22

\$ 10,615.00

\$ 10,101.85

\$113,500.00 TOTAL

\$112,906.67

PUBLIC LAW 874

Reimbursement received	\$ 2,194.72
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Expenditures:**Capital Outlay**

Center School—desks and chairs	\$1,525.00
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Center School—venetian blinds	366.80
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Maintenance and Repair

Center School—painting	150.00
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Athletic Expenses

Smith Academy—uniform cleaning, etc.	121.50
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Smith Academy—athletic emblems	23.77
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Total expenditures

\$ 2,187.07

Unexpended balance—December 31, 1957

\$ 7.65

STAFF CONTRACTS

School Year 1957-1958

Professional Staff

Number	Amount
1	\$1,100.00
3	3,300.00
3	3,400.00
2	3,500.00
3	3,600.00
1	3,700.00
2	4,000.00
1	4,100.00
1	4,300.00
3	4,400.00
1	4,450.00
1	4,800.00
1	6,100.00

Nurse

1	1,600.00
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Custodians

1	3,150.00
	2,950.00

Penmanship

1	500.00
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On-the-Road Driver Education

Per hour	2.50
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Substitute Teachers

Per day	12.00
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Clerk

Per hour	1.00
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Contract amounts include teaching salary plus extra-curricula remuneration.

HATFIELD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SCHOOL BUDGET ESTIMATE

1958

General Control	\$ 2,950.00
Instruction	94,124.00
Operation	10,975.00
Maintenance and Repair	3,150.00
Capital Outlay	2,375.00
Other Agencies	10,930.00
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Total 1958 Budget Estimate	\$124,504.00

1958 Budget Estimate

GENERAL CONTROL

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 2,100.00
Superintendent's Expenses	200.00
Office Expenses	100.00
Census	50.00
Work Certificates	200.00
Clerk	300.00
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Total	\$ 2,950.00

INSTRUCTION

Salaries	
Elementary salaries	\$ 54,920.00
Secondary salaries	30,759.00
Instruction—Handicapped	
Children	600.00
Penmanship, Art, Music	2,620.00
Elementary, Instructional Supplies,	
Texts, etc.	
Elementary—Instr. supplies	3,000.00
Elementary—Principal's expenses	50.00
Elementary—A. V. Aids	150.00
Elementary—Office expenses	50.00

Secondary, Instructional Supplies,
Texts, etc.

Secondary—Instr. supplies	1,600.00
Secondary—Principal's expenses	50.00
Driver Education supplies	175.00
Secondary—A. V. Aids	100.00
Secondary—Office expenses	50.00

Total \$ 94,124.00

OPERATION

Elementary—Janitor's salary	\$ 3,150.00
Secondary—Janitor's salary	2,950.00
Elementary fuel	2,100.00
Secondary fuel	950.00
Misc. Operational—Elementary	900.00
Misc. Operational—Secondary	400.00
Town Hall—Janitor's supplies	125.00
Telephone service—Elementary	175.00
Telephone service—Secondary	225.00

Total \$ 10,975.00

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Center School	\$ 3,050.00
School Street School	100.00

Total \$ 3,150.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

New Equipment	\$ 2,175.00
Alterations	200.00

Total \$ 2,375.00

OTHER AGENCIES

Transportation	\$ 7,300.00
Transportation—Athletic	500.00
Salary of Nurse	1,800.00
Health Supplies	75.00
School Library—Elementary	200.00
School Library—Secondary	100.00
Physical Education—towels, supplies	300.00
Athletic Insurance	420.00
Graduation—Elementary, Secondary	140.00
Insurance—Liability, etc.	45.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
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Total	\$ 10,930.00
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Total Budget Estimate	\$124,504.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957 - 1958

1957

- Sept. 3 Staff Meeting—9:30 o'clock.
 Sept. 4 Schools open with full sessions.
 Oct. 11 F. C. T. A.—convention.
 Nov. 11 Veterans'Day—schools closed.
 Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Recess for Elementary School.
 Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Recess for High School.
 Close at noon — no lunch.
 Dec. 2 Schools reopen.
 Dec. 20 Christmas Recess.
 Close at noon — no lunch.

1958

- Jan. 2 Schools reopen.
 Feb. 21 February Recess — schools close.
 Mar. 3 Schools reopen
 April 4 Good Friday — schools closed.
 April 11 April Recess — schools closed.
 April 21 Schools reopen.
 May 30 Memorial Day — schools closed.
 June 12 Elementary School closes.
 June 11—all pupils not participating in Junior
 High School graduation program dismissed
 with report cards.
 June 12 All Elementary staff, eighth grade pupils and
 participants in Junior High graduation to re-
 port to school.
 June 13 High School closes.
 Elementary School — 178 days.
 High School — 180 days.

Approved by the Committee
 August 5, 1957

School Building Needs Committee Report

1957

The School Building Needs Committee established at the February 18, 1957, Town Meeting respectfully submits this report of their activity and recommendations to the Citizens of Hatfield.

The Needs Committee, consisting of eleven members, was established in accordance with the instructions of the voters during the early part of the year; however, the resignations received necessitated the appointment of four new members. The Committee which completed the assignment consisted of the following members: John J. Fortsch, chairman; Henry Kulesza, Secretary; Col. James Day; Lewis Wendolowski; Bernard Donnis; George Zgrod-nik; Edward Kowalski; Thaddeus Kabot; Walter Pickun-ka; Luther Belden; and Arthur Scott.

During the year three consultations were held with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commis-sion—two in Boston and one in Hatfield. The Commis-sion was co-operative and assisted the Needs Committee with its problems.

The recommendations which the Needs Committee present were drawn up after long and serious discussions. A basic statement of the existing school system with edu-cational recommendations is included in this report. The basic statement plus the projected enrollment chart and classroom needs were the basis upon which the recom-mendation is formulated.

School Organization

The Hatfield Schools are organized on a modified "eight-four" administrative system. Eight years of elementary school—grades one through eight; four years of secondary school—grades nine through twelve. The modification of the system occurs in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, where departmentalization of instruction has been successfully introduced and carried on. This modification shows a tendency toward the "six-two-four" system but with a downward extension from grade seven.

Elementary grades — one through five — are instructed in the self-contained classroom while instruction in grades six through eight is conducted on a departmentalized basis with specialized instructional areas and teachers.

Presently the first eight grades are housed in two plants; namely, the School Street and Center School buildings. A more detailed description of these buildings is to be found under the heading "Present School Housing" of this report.

Secondary education — grades nine through twelve — is completely departmentalized. Instruction is carried on in specialized areas and by instructors who specialize in subject area material. The organization of the secondary grades is that which will be found in almost any high school. A description of Smith Academy will be found under the heading "Present School Housing — Smith Academy" of this report.

The primary function of the elementary grades— one through eight—is to develop each child to the fullest degree of that child's ability: mentally, emotionally and socially, and to prepare the child to successfully enter the secondary phase of his education, whether it is traditional or vocational in nature.

The primary function of the secondary grades—nine through twelve—is to strengthen and extend the child's mental, emotional and social foundation and to prepare and encourage the child for successful entrance into the post-secondary education of his choice; to prepare those pupils who will terminate their formal education at the end of the secondary grades to enter into the life situation with usable and salable skills, knowledges, habits and attitudes and further to develop in all pupils a common understanding of themselves and the world in which they live, work, and relax.

PREDICTED ENROLLMENT CHART — GRADES 1-8

Based on October 1, 1957, Census of in-school and pre-school children

	Grade								Enrollment		No. Classrooms	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Grades 1-8	Needed	Available	Additional
1957	48	47	56	37	51	40	28	40	347	14	8	6
1958	42	48	47	56	37	51	40	28	349	14	8	6
1959	42	42	48	47	56	37	51	40	363	15	8	7
1960	37	42	42	48	47	56	37	51	360	14	8	6
1961	47	37	42	42	48	47	56	37	356	14	8	6
1962	47	47	37	42	42	48	47	56	366	15	8	7
1963	*43	47	47	37	42	42	48	47	353	15	8	7

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*To December 31, 1957 — births and transfers

Course Outline — Grades One through Five

In the elementary grades, instruction should be based upon the principal of a self-contained classroom with large blocks of time flexibly used to accomplish the desired ends.

The primary grades, one through three, will emphasize the teaching of reading, oral grammar, penmanship, and fundamental arithmetic, with minor emphasis on the social studies, science, spelling, physical education, art and music.

The intermediate grades, four and five, will strengthen and extend the instruction of the primary grades and will present a more balanced program, with emphasis on reading, arithmetic, social studies, spelling, science, and written English grammar. The minor emphasis will be on physical education, art and music, and oral English grammar.

Grades one through five will continue to be given the advantages afforded by monthly visits of a supervisor of penmanship and weekly visits of supervisors of music and art.

The advantages of a formal physical education program should be considered and incorporated for the entire school system — grades one through twelve, rather than grades six through twelve, as at the present time.

Course Outline — Grades Six, Seven, and Eight

Grades six, seven, and eight will continue to extend and strengthen the instruction of the previous grades. A balanced offering of subject matter will be maintained. It will include reading; English grammar — written and oral; social studies — history and geography; arithmetic; science — natural, health and safety; spelling; music; penmanship; art; and physical education.

The course requirements in grades seven and eight can be satisfactorily met with more rigid time blocks of forty-five minutes' duration each. Instruction can be best provided through departmentalization with its implication of teachers who specialize in areas of instruction.

This period in the pupil's school life should be used as a transition and exploratory period in which the pupil can gain experience in transferring from the self-contained classroom to the specialized instructional areas with subject matter presented by instructors specializing in subject matter. This should be a period in which the pupil experiences independent activities and self-reliance, with the introduction of extracurricular activities, homework, etc.

The exploratory experiences given the pupil consist of guidance, avocational and vocational experimentation in the various areas of human endeavor. Education research and practice suggests that this is the age group which needs a great deal of personal guidance, as the child is beginning to assert his independence and to make independent decisions.

Exploration in the manual arts for boys and home arts for girls is most desirable for this age group. These areas should be incorporated, not for the purpose of industrial education — a purpose they cannot serve — but as a general education course. Each course offers opportunity for a pupil to explore vocation preferences and to develop the proper attitudes and appreciations in our scientific, industrial and every-day life. These courses offer the opportunity to develop the proper habits, attitudes, appreciations and skills and vocational experimentation toward the working world and every-day life in which the pupil will find himself. These courses further offer the opportunity to establish avocation interests and skills that

the pupil will find useful for leisure time living and self-satisfaction. The courses should not be rigid in content, but should offer a wide range of activities and experiences.

Course Outline — Grades Nine through Twelve

The secondary grades serve two purposes, or types of pupils: 1—those who intend to further their education past secondary school; 2—those who will terminate their formal education.

Smith Academy serves those who intend to further their education through its College Curriculum, which will satisfy the most rigid college entrance course requirements for two- and three-year post-secondary schools.

The Academy offers as fine a Commercial Course as can be found in the area, as its graduates will attest by their successful entrance into the clerical and business fields.

Vocational pupils, those who desire to prepare themselves for entrance into the industrial and vocation fields immediately following their graduation from secondary schools, are presently served at Smith's Agricultural School in Northampton. This school offers the pupil the finest in vocational educational opportunities through its varied vocational curriculum. Eighth grade pupils are guided into vocational courses at Smith's School by the local schools.

No secondary school of the regular high school type can begin to effectively serve vocational pupils as Smith's Agricultural School does.

It would be desirable to strengthen the offerings in the General Curriculum area of Smith Academy with ad-

ditional courses aimed at providing the undecided or non-college pupil with skills and abilities which will be of immediate value in the area of commercial services and everyday living of the pupil upon graduation from the secondary grades. Such courses as Economics, Salesmanship, Consumer Education, and Sociology or Psychology would enrich the offerings for these pupils.

Present School Housing

At the present time there are two elementary school buildings and one senior high school building available for educational facilities in the town. The two elementary buildings are the School Street School and the Center Elementary School building. The present Smith Academy serves as the high school facility.

The School Street building contains two classrooms on the second floor. The first floor contains a boys' and girls' basement, boiler room, storeroom, very small unused classroom and a shop section.

At the present time the two second floor rooms are used as first grade classrooms. The use of the small classroom and shop section on the first floor has been granted to the Hatfield Teen-age Club as a meeting place.

The physical condition of the School Street School building has reached the point where serious consideration must be given to its complete abandonment as a school facility. Structural defects and the need for extensive repairs are obvious to the observer and it is felt that the cost of alterations and repairs to this building would be prohibitive in terms of use to be gained.

The costs involved in heating, maintenance, custodial services, etc. for this building, in terms of use derived, should receive considerable consideration when thought is given to its retention as a school facility.

The Center School building contains eight permanently authorized classrooms and three temporarily approved basement classrooms. Four permanently approved classrooms and an additional four permanently approved classrooms are contained on the first and second floors of the building respectively. One temporary basement classroom is at the north end of the basement area and two basement classrooms are at the south end of the area.

The Center School building is a substantial structure with many serviceable years of use remaining. This is particularly true since the alterations and repairs, demanded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, have been effected.

The three basement classrooms are not approved for classroom use by the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, but an unwritten permission to use them "so long as the town is making progress toward the alleviation of its overcrowded school conditions" has been granted.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety rates the Center School capacity at two hundred and fifty persons, this being the maximum pupil capacity when only the permanently approved classrooms are used.

Presently the Center School building, using permanent and temporary classrooms, houses two classes each of grades two, three, five, six, and one classroom each of grades four, seven, and eight. Boys' and girls' basements are in the basement area. In addition to classrooms on the first floor there is a principal's office and a supply storeroom and on the second floor a teachers' room and a health room.

Smith Academy

The Trustee owned Smith Academy building is adequate in size and facilities to accommodate the anticipated

enrollments of grades 9 through 12 until September 1963, when the present facility will be severely taxed.

The Academy building contains the following instructional areas: 2 large general classrooms; 3 small general classrooms, 1 medium sized general classroom; 1 medium sized typing room; 1 large combination physics-chemistry classroom; 1 large home economics area composed of a cooking, sewing and homemaking room; 1 large auditorium; boys' and girls' basements and cloak rooms, and a combination principal's-superintendent's office.

The Academy is Trustee owned and leased to the Town of Hatfield, "The same to be used for the general purposes of a town high school and for that purpose only." Under the lease the Smith Academy Trustees have provided a physical plant for the purposes of secondary education and have maintained the plant in good condition and decor without cost to the town.

Facilities such as those required for physical education, interscholastic athletics for the secondary grades have been and should continue to be those facilities provided at the Hatfield Town Hall.

The Trustees of Smith Academy have assured the School Building Needs Committee and the townspeople that they will continue to provide adequate space and facilities for secondary education for the Town of Hatfield and that they will use the full extent of their own resources to this end.

Additional facilities at Smith Academy should be ready for use no later than September 1963 and preferably by September 1962. Additional facilities needed would consist only of two or three classrooms — presupposing that the Town Hall would continue to be used for intramural athletics and public presentations.

Cafeteria facilities will not be needed at the secondary level as long as there are lunch facilities of adequate size and nearness to serve the secondary grades.

The Needs Committee findings and recommendations follows:

Findings

1. That the problem of school housing for the pupils of Hatfield is at the elementary level — grades 1 through 8.
2. That with the assurance given the School Building Needs Committee and the Town by the Trustees of Smith Academy there will be no foreseeable housing problem at the secondary level—grades 9 through 12.
3. That there is need for a minimum of six elementary classrooms in the Hatfield schools.
4. That certain facilities, if state school building assistance is to be realized, will in all probability be required in the recommended school expansion.

Recommendations

1. The School Building Needs Committee recommends the inclusion of Massachusetts School Building Assistance aid for the Town of Hatfield in the realization of its school building needs.
2. The School Building Needs Committee recommends that a School Building Committee be appointed to draw plans for six classrooms which would not receive state school building assistance and an alternate plan which contains six classrooms and such other facilities as shall be determined necessary to qualify for state school building assistance. The specifications and plans of this recommendation, if it is possible, to be an alternate of the other and that cost es-

timates of both plans be included in the report of the Building Committee to the Town at a special town meeting or at the next annual town meeting.

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1. The School Building Needs Committee recommends the inclusion of Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission aid for the Town of Hatfield in the realization of its school building needs.
2. The School Building Needs Committee recommends that a School Building Committee be appointed for the following purposes:
 - (1) To draw and submit a plan which will provide for six (6) classrooms only, with the understanding that such a plan is not eligible to receive State aid.
 - (2) To draw and submit an alternate plan which will provide for six (6) classrooms and such other additional facilities as shall be determined necessary to qualify for State aid.
 - (3) To submit both plans with the respective cost estimates at a special town meeting or at the next annual town meeting.

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February 21, 1957

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Joseph J. Wendlowski, Jr., Chairman

Hatfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1956, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hatfield for the year ending December 31, 1956, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the reports and records in the town accountant's office.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the receipts, as recorded, were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, and the payments were compared with the treasurer's cash book and with the treasury warrants approved by the selectmen. The appropriation accounts were checked with the records of appropriations voted by the town as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings. The transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with the records in the departments in which the transactions originated.

A balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1956.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records in the departments

collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants approved by the selectmen. The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on January 28, 1957, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes, county retirement, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were examined and checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue, the county treasurer, and the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., were verified, and the balances in the general treasury on January 28, 1957, were listed and proved.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved, and the withdrawals being verified by comparison with the treasurer's record of receipts and with the accountant's ledger.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked with the commitment lists; the payments to the treasurer were verified; the abatements, as recorded, were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted; and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the

accountant's ledger. The cash balance on January 28, 1957, was proved by actual count of the cash on hand.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It is again recommended that the tax collector make a determined effort to bring about a complete settlement of the delinquent tax accounts.

The appropriations voted by the town meeting were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the determination of the 1956 tax rate.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses, as well as from gasoline registrations, were checked with the records of licenses and permits issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand January 28, 1957, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The recorded receipts from licenses and permits granted by the board of selectmen and issued by the clerk of the board were checked with the records of licenses and permits granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts for alcoholic beverage licenses granted by the selectmen and issued by the town treasurer were checked with the record of licenses granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts of the police department pertaining to revolver permits were checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of fines received from the district court and county jail were listed and checked with the records at the district court and the sheriff's office.

The receipts, as recorded, for the rental of the town hall were checked with the records of the custodian of the town hall and office buildings, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined. The recorded receipts were compared with the record of work done, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts of the health department for slaughter inspection fees were checked with the records of the meat inspector, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the highway, public welfare, veterans' services, school and cemetery departments were examined. The charges were listed and checked, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

The recorded receipts of the school department for the lunch program and athletic activities were audited. The receipts were checked with the record of the sale of lunches, State and Federal lunch reimbursements, and sale of tickets for athletic activities. The payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 28, 1957, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The receipts of the resident nurse for dental clinic fees were checked with the record of work performed, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of the librarian for fines were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand February 6, 1957, was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked. The charges for the sale of water and for connection and miscellaneous charges were proved, the recorded collections and abatements were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand January 28, 1957, was proved by actual count.

It is recommended that the water collector make a determined effort to collect the past due water rate accounts.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transaction of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from the several town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

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